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After Pulte rift, Trump pivots on intel pick

Jay Clayton has garnered praise from both sides of the aisle

BY MAEGAN VAZQUEZ, WARREN P. STROBEL AND PERRY STEIN

President Donald Trump said Thursday that he plans to nominate Jay Clayton, the U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York, to serve as the next director of national intelligence.

"Few people anywhere in the Legal Community are respected at the level of Jay," Trump wrote on Truth Social. "I encourage the United States Senate to confirm Jay as soon as possible."

The Cabinet position oversees and coordinates 18 U.S. intelligence agencies but does not have a role in spying operations.

The president's decision to appoint a federal prosecutor to the intel role comes after his acting pick for the position — a Trump loyalist who lacked intelligence experience — caused an immediate rift in Washington.

Less than two weeks ago, Trump said he would appoint Bill Pulte, who leads a federal mortgage regulation agency, to replace outgoing Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard on an acting basis. But even some Republicans voiced concerns over the pick. And earlier Thursday, the House of Representatives rejected a last-minute attempt to extend a controversial warrantless-surveillance law, with Democrats pinning their no votes to Pulte's appointment to the sensitive national security role.

Clayton, the chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission during Trump's first

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World Cup kicks off at a Mexico City stadium of soccer legend

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For the next 39 days, billions of people around the world will tune in to the largest sporting event ever staged, with an expanded 48 countries competing in 104 games in cities across the United States, Mexico and Canada. **Story, B7**

Midlife habits that could make or break your brain

Researchers say the 40s, 50s and 60s represent a critical window for protecting cognitive health later in life

BY ARIANA EUNJUNG CHA

Neuroscientist Miia Kivipelto's life's work has been about preventing dementia. Now, at 52, she has begun thinking more about her own vulnerability.

"Midlife is the time," said Kivipelto, a neuroscientist who recently joined the Yale School of Nursing as the inaugural director of its Center for Aging Well in New Haven, Connecticut. "It's the last best chance to lower risk."

The idea that dementia prevention may hinge on what people do in their mid-30s to their 60s is rapidly reshaping the field. Scientists increasingly believe the disease is driven not only by changes in the aging brain, but also by years of metabolic stress, inflammation and vascular damage accumulating across the body. Many researchers now think the biological process that leads to dementia begins 15 to 20 years before the first memory problems emerge. By the time symptoms become noticeable, the disease likely will already be well established.

Neuroscientists now see midlife as a critical window when the brain becomes especially vulnerable to aging — but also more responsive to intervention.

The implications are profound: The ordinary habits of middle age may matter far more than scientists once realized, and cognitive decline may not be inevitable.

Last year, a large study in JAMA Network Open found that people who remained physically

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Trump calls off planned attacks

HE CITES PROGRESS ON POSSIBLE DEAL

'Different group' calling shots in Iran, he says

BY VICTORIA CRAW, SIHAM SHAMALAKH AND DAN DIAMOND

President Donald Trump said Thursday that he had canceled scheduled attacks on Iran after progress on a potential peace deal, his latest reversal in a months-long pattern of threatening attacks and walking them back.

Speaking in the Oval Office, Trump asserted that an agreement to end hostilities would be signed "maybe this weekend," after which the United States would immediately lift its naval blockade of the country.

The deal would bar Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons, Trump said, an objective he has named as key in deciding to strike the country. It was not immediately clear whether Iran's leaders had formally signed off on the agreement, although Trump asserted that they had.

Pressed by reporters on whether an agreement was truly close after weeks of false starts, Trump said Iran's current leaders were "much more rational" than their predecessors and were worn out by the U.S. military's attacks.

"We knocked out the first team of leadership," Trump said. "The second team of leadership, this is a different group. It's a different level. And I think it's, frankly, a smarter level."

The White House declined to

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House rejects extension of expiring wiretap law

Critical post-9/11 spy tool is all but certain to lapse for the first time

BY NOAH ROBERTSON AND MARIANA ALFARO

The House of Representatives on Thursday rejected a last-minute attempt to extend a controversial warrantless-surveillance law, as Democrats protested President Donald Trump's decision to temporarily place Bill Pulte, a mortgage agency director and MAGA loyalist, atop the U.S. intelligence community.

The vote failed 218-198, with 19 Republicans joining nearly all Democrats in opposing the bill. It would have required a two-thirds majority to advance under the parliamentary tool House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-Louisiana) used to quickly bring the legislation to the floor.

The result all but ensures that Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, a post-9/11 spy tool that both parties have argued is critical to U.S. national security, will lapse for the first time.

Republicans said the FISA lapse endangers national security, but Democrats argued Pulte's appointment as acting head of U.S. intelligence was a bigger danger to Americans' safety.

A few hours after the failed vote, Trump nominated former Securities and Exchange Commission chair Jay Clayton to be the next full-time director of national intelligence, a posting that

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The House went on a week-long recess after the failed vote. When reporters asked House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-Louisiana), above, if he would call the chamber back, he said, "What would be the point?"

El Niño is here, and its domino disruptions

The warm eastern Pacific will induce a chain reaction

BY MATTHEW CAPPUCCI AND BEN NOLL

El Niño is here, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The agency issued an El Niño Advisory on Thursday morning, signifying that Earth has crossed a key threshold into El Niño territory. A chain-reaction process in the atmosphere is underway and will influence global weather patterns in the months ahead.

While El Niño begins as a warming of water temperatures in the eastern tropical Pacific, there are domino effects globally. And this installment of El Niño looks to be particularly intense and could develop into a highly anticipated super El Niño.

"There is a 63% chance of a very strong El Niño during November-January … that would rank among the largest El Niño events in the historical record going back to 1950," NOAA wrote

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With SpaceX IPO, Elon Musk will become the first trillionaire — on paper

BY SHIRA OVIDE AND FAIZ SIDDIQUI

Welcome to history's first trillionaire. Sort of.

Elon Musk's SpaceX, a rocket, satellite internet and artificial intelligence company that's bleeding cash and has puny sales compared to established technology giants, announced Thursday the price for its initial public offering of $135 per share. The step sets up a blockbuster IPO that ranks as the largest in history, at about $75 billion.

Musk was already the richest person in the world, according to lists from Bloomberg and Forbes. He's also in line to receive a trillion-dollar pay package if he hits certain milestones at the automaker Tesla. But the SpaceX IPO pushes him into trillionaire status, depending on how you count his wealth.

According to SpaceX's disclosures, Musk holds roughly half of the company's stock, including shares that he might earn far in the future tied to accomplishments such as shooting computer data centers into space and creating a human settlement on Mars. Those Musk shares in SpaceX are worth about $867 billion at Thursday's IPO price.

Combined with the chunk of the automaker Tesla that also belongs to Musk, his stock in the two companies is valued at more than $1.1 trillion combined, according to Washington Post calculations from SpaceX and Tesla securities filings.

As with nearly everything about Musk, his trillionaire status requires explanation. SpaceX has granted big slugs of company stock that only pay off if he drives his company's value to monumental heights and if SpaceX achieves Musk's goal of establishing a populated human colony on Mars. Excluding those shares, Musk is just shy of trillionaire status, for now.

But based on SpaceX's report of Musk's holdings, the value of

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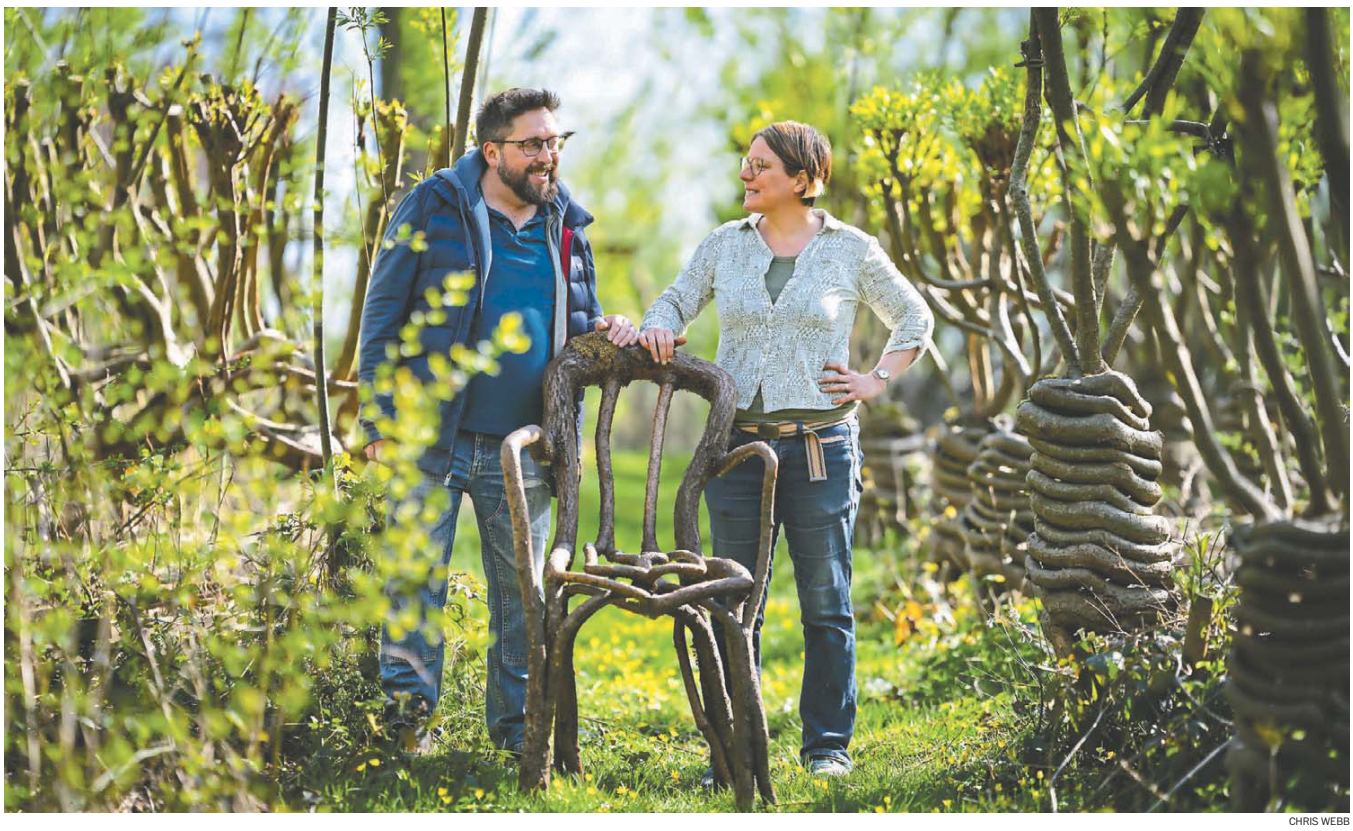

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Husband and wife Gavin and Alice Munro are realizing a lifelong dream, taking six to 12 years per chair and painstaking effort to guide each one from the ground up.

This couple grows trees shaped as chairs. They sell for about $90,000.

BY SYDNEY PAGE

When Gavin Munro was about 7 years old, he looked at his parents' overgrown bonsai trees and noticed that the silhouette of one looked like a throne. The image stayed with him.

At the time, Munro was spending long stretches in the hospital being treated for scoliosis and Klippel-Feil syndrome, a rare bone disorder. He passed the time by watching the trees and wildlife outside his window. Nature, he said, helped him heal.

"The first seeds were sown when I was a little boy," said Munro, who has spent the past 20 years trying to grow trees into chairs.

Since 2006, Munro and his wife, Alice Munro, have been shaping young trees into furniture on a field in Derbyshire, England, that they refer to as the Chair Orchard.

The process takes six to 12 years per chair — depending on the species and weather — and so far, they have produced about 15 prototypes.

"For me, it's about sustainability and watching the amazing wildlife developing in the orchard," Alice said.

Some of the chairs are usable as furniture, but for now they are sold as works of art, and are priced beginning around $87,000. The Munros hope to ramp up production, and they have led workshops at schools and design programs in the hope of teaching others their technique.

FULL GROWN

The Munros train trees to grow into a detailed shape. Some of the chairs are usable as furniture, but for now they are sold as works of art. They hope to ramp up production and teach others their technique.

Gavin, who is a furniture designer by trade, and Alice, who has a background in horticulture, run Full Grown, a company that employs specialized ancient techniques — including coppicing, grafting, pleaching and espalier — to shape living trees into chairs. The couple had long been friends, and they married in 2011.

While the idea for Full Grown had been percolating in Gavin's mind since childhood, it intensified during his years studying furniture design, when his class traced the life cycle of a Coke can. Gavin said he realized the complexity — and cost — involved in producing everyday objects.

"It was an absolute eye-opener," he said, explaining that it can take decades to grow a tree that would be cut down and turned into a standard wooden chair.

"You cut them down into small bits and stick them together in ways that are only ever going to come loose," Gavin said. "We're trying to work out what is the most subtle interaction we can have with nature and still have beautiful things that can last hundreds of years."

Before he began experimenting, Gavin said he read about others who had grown furniture from trees, including John Krubsack, a banker from Wisconsin who created a chair in a similar fashion, and Axel Erlandson, who made sculptures and furniture by grafting branches and trees together.

"We knew it was possible," Gavin said.

In 2006, the Munros took over a shady, windy corner of a friend's farm in Derbyshire to start testing. They quickly realized that the trees didn't get sufficient sunlight, so they leveled the hillside into flat rows and replanted — only to have cows trample over the trees.

"We've had a few setbacks," Gavin said.

The experiments then moved to Alice's late mother's garden, where their first chairs were produced. In 2008, the Munros planted some 3,000 trees on a rented field that became the Chair Orchard. Over the years, they've experimented with several tree species, including willow, oak, ash, hazel, beech and cherry.

The process begins with a single sapling, left to establish its roots and grow for about five years. The Munros then coppice the tree — cutting it down to the stump — which encourages new shoots to grow from the roots. Those shoots are guided around a frame, shaping them gradually into the form of an upside-down chair.

To coax the tree into the correct shape, the Munros prune unwanted branches and graft others — which involves binding shoots together so they slowly fuse into one. They also make small cuts in the bark to influence the direction of growth. Once the chair is ready to be harvested, it is dried indoors for a year and sanded.

"When they're very young, they're quite flexible, so they're easier to shape," Alice said. "We've gone through many forms and molds and designs."

It has been, the Munros said, a constant process of trial and error — which is why they have far fewer finished chairs than they had hoped at this point.

"The generation we thought was going to work actually grew out of shape when it got close to harvesting," Gavin said, adding that they have also produced lamps, tables, benches and structures.

Along the way, they have learned to lean into nature.

"We're trying to ask as little as possible from the trees and offer as much protection," Gavin said.

"The better you treat the tree, the more it's going to work with you," said his wife. "The more we've worked with nature rather than trying to control nature, the more successful we've been."

The Munros' method sometimes leaves small wrinkles in the wood — marks of the shaping process.

"It's a sign of collaboration with the tree," Gavin said. "It looks beautiful. It's a visual symbol of working with the tree and not against it."

The unusual chairs have drawn attention around the world and have been displayed in museums and exhibits in Europe, Asia and the United States. One chair has been acquired by the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, the Munros said.

About 10 chairs have been sold as artwork through the Sarah Myerscough Gallery in London, to galleries, museums and private collectors.

"We can't sell them as chairs because they're a working prototype," Gavin explained. "We haven't managed to make a chair production line yet; we're underway."

The Munros said they do not have one of their own chairs in their home, as they fear their dog Doris would devour it.

They said they still have much work to do to produce chairs on a broader scale — which is their goal. Though people can sit in the current prototypes, they must do it gently, and they said comfort varies.

"Even though we've been at it 20 years, we are literally at the beginning of this," said Gavin, adding that the finished chairs require minimal maintenance, apart from a waxing every 10 years or so. "I thought it would take a few years, but it's going to take a few decades."

The Munros hope to share what they've learned with others. They are in the process of launching the Full Grown Academy, a citizen science project aimed at teaching their techniques more widely. They plan to have the academy running by next spring.

"We are really keen for what we have learnt to not disappear into the ether," Alice said. "We want to help other people who want to grow their own chairs and small structures."

They both said they're excited by the possibilities.

"It would be lovely if every community had their own chair orchard," Gavin said.

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POLITICS & THE NATION

Musk's Starlink hooked rural customers. Then came price hikes.

BY FAIZ SIDDIQUI

When Julie Slama and her husband moved to a home outside Dunbar, Nebraska, in April 2022, they were happy customers of Elon Musk's Starlink.

The satellite-based internet service from Musk's rocket-maker, SpaceX, was the only practical option for them in their rural community, and their $90 monthly rate has felt reasonable in the years since.

SpaceX is set to list on the stock market this week at a valuation of more than $1 trillion, and Slama is now feeling the squeeze. She and her husband, parents of three who run a law firm from their home, face a 44 percent jump in their internet bill, an annual increase of nearly $500.

Starlink told some U.S. customers last month it was raising prices and increased the cost of most plans for a service that counts millions of users across the country.

"I can complain about Starlink raising their prices, but it's the only real option we have," said Slama, a Republican and former Nebraska state senator. "Once they have rural customers on their service with no meaningful alternatives, they're free to raise prices at will."

Musk has long billed Starlink as a lifeline: an internet service that will finally bring reliable connectivity to people in the world's rural and off-the-grid locales.

As its parent company moves toward an IPO, rural broadband advocates say the company has begun to squeeze its isolated U.S. users, raising prices in areas where options are limited and striving to box out competition.

SpaceX has lobbied against federal spending that would benefit Starlink's rural broadband alternatives, calling the issue it targets "effectively … solved," an assertion disputed by advocates for wider broadband access and many residents of rural areas.

Musk's company has benefited from the administration of his political ally President Donald Trump, which has cut some rural broadband funding and worked to allow Starlink to qualify for some of what remains.

"When you have a captured consumer you are able to raise the prices," said Drew Garner, director of policy engagement at the nonpartisan Benton Institute for Broadband & Society. "Given that broadband is an essential service and that the consumer has to buy it you're able to … squeeze them often."

In March last year, when Musk was still overseeing the U.S. DOGE Service cost-cutting project, Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick announced that the $42 billion broadband access program known as BEAD, approved by Congress in 2021 and championed by President Joe Biden, would adopt a new "tech-neutral approach."

Lutnick's changes sought to modify federal standards in a way that made services such as Starlink eligible for grants they would not previously have qualified for, tweaking requirements that previously oriented the program toward fiber broadband.

He said loosening the rules of the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment program was a strike against "woke mandates, favoritism toward certain technologies, and burdensome regulations" from the Biden administration.

SpaceX subsequently sent stern letters to states that have allocated significant BEAD funding toward fiber rather than its own satellite-based internet products, media outlets have reported.

Nebraska's Republican governor, Jim Pillen, declined to deploy most of the $400 million in BEAD funding allocated for his state, proposing a "technology-neutral" approach with less than $45 million in spending instead. He expressed hope Nebraska could use the unspent funds for other purposes. Slama said she blames Pillen "for failing to use a $300 million federal grant to invest in rural fiber because 'Starlink fixed it.'"

SpaceX "is carving out, in essence, these archipelagos of regional monopolies," said Sascha Meinrath, the Palmer Chair in Telecommunications at Penn State University. "Over time that all-in cost for satellite will be much greater than fiber. It's just that the cost will be borne by the end user."

Starlink, through its parent company SpaceX, did not respond to a request for comment. Musk has decried the "massive subsidies to Starlink competitors for American rural broadband" and has said Starlink has "outperformed" its competition in the rural broadband space.

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A SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket lifts off from Cape Canaveral in 2024 with 23 Starlink satellites. Many people in service-starved areas in the U.S. and the world see it as a godsend.

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Elon Musk's SpaceX has lobbied against federal spending that would benefit Starlink's rural broadband alternatives, saying the service has "outperformed" its competition in the market.

In response to a request for comment to the governor's office, the Nebraska Broadband Office, which administers the BEAD program for the state, said it is awaiting guidance from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration on the unused funds.

"The topography and density of locations … in Nebraska are conducive to a mix of technologies, and in certain areas Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite solutions can enhance connectivity," its statement said. "The Nebraska Broadband Office does not believe a disproportionate amount of locations have been allocated to LEOs."

Fixed wireless connections represent more than half of the state's proposed awards, with the rest a mix of fiber and satellite, the office said, the latter representing more than a third.

The NTIA, a part of the Commerce Department, defended its strategy, and a spokesperson pointed to a March statement in which its administrator said it would be "taking additional time" to finalize the status of the unspent funds sought by states such as Nebraska.

"NTIA's BEAD reforms increased competition among providers and technologies, which expanded consumer choice, attracted substantial private investment, and delivered better value for taxpayers," the spokesperson said in a statement Wednesday.

Fiber broadband can offer faster and more stable connectivity than satellite-based internet but requires installation of a last-mile connections to residences, which can be time-consuming and expensive.

Because Starlink satellites are constantly passing overhead, users in isolated places can quickly get connected after powering up a Starlink receiver. Many people in service-starved places around the United States and the world regard it as a godsend.

Musk built the service by using SpaceX's reusable rockets to assemble the world's largest satellite constellation and has called it "alien-level technology."

Meinrath and others say it's now acting like something more familiar: a traditional telecom company that uses its market dominance to box out potential competition and lock in increasingly dissatisfied consumers.

Starlink operates worldwide and Musk has ambitions far beyond rural America. Musk recently said that if the service maintains its current trajectory "Starlink will one day carry the majority of Internet traffic." SpaceX said in a recent company filing that Starlink has a potential customer base of more than 3.3 billion potential users, a number encompassing much of the global population.

The future of SpaceX depends on the success of Starlink, which is the healthiest part of the company's business, according to its recent filing. The broadband service makes up most of the company's connectivity segment, which generated more than $4 billion in profit in 2025 on more than $11 billion in revenue.

That offsets some but far from all the billions of dollars of losses from the space launch, AI and social media businesses Musk has consolidated into SpaceX. A Morningstar report last week called Starlink the company's "primary cash generation engine and internal funding source for other ambitious projects the firm has underway." The added scrutiny that comes with being a publicly listed company that has to disclose earnings and losses could increase the incentive for SpaceX to increase Starlink pricing.

SpaceX in its recent filing highlighted the built-in advantage satellite internet has with residents of rural areas, who around the world are "structurally underserved by terrestrial broadband infrastructure due to unfavorable deployment economics, limited network density and high last-mile costs," the company said. "This structural imbalance creates a large, durable and relatively uncontested baseline market for satellite-based connectivity solutions."

Broadband experts said that as Starlink focuses on expansion it will be challenged by difficulties including competing with fiber and other internet services in more populated areas and the capacity constraints of using satellites.

Last year, Meinrath and collaborators calculated that when around seven or more people within a square mile use Starlink the service would slip below the federal definition of broadband for sending data. The company regularly launches new satellites to address capacity constraints, but its satellite connections can also be obstructed by trees, poles and roofs.

As the density of users tapping into its satellites increases, SpaceX is expected to raise the barrier to entry by pricing its services higher, experts said. Potential rivals in satellite-based internet, such as Amazon Leo, have faced setbacks in getting their Starlink competitors up and running. (Amazon Executive Chairman Jeff Bezos owns The Washington Post).

Nebraska residents are already experiencing the pinch from Starlink's dominance, an issue that crosses party lines, said Austin Ahlman, an independent congressional candidate in the state. The former journalist extensively researched SpaceX and Starlink for the nonprofit Open Markets Institute, which advocates for antitrust enforcement.

"SpaceX has been doing everything possible to create this myth that they are some altruist" serving rural residents "out of the kindness of their hearts," said Ahlman, who is running in a district that encompasses his hometown of Norfolk and areas south to the state capital Lincoln and beyond.

"They're monopolizing the market and calling it doing us a favor," he said. "It's largely Republican areas in western parts of the state who are being killed" by the lack of competition, he added. Ahlman wants to see federal subsides for Starlink to require the company to accept price controls and, more broadly, said he'd like a wider slate of internet options for rural Nebraskans.

Austin Schmit, a 33-year-old nurse anesthesiologist and friend of Ahlman's, said Starlink offered him a $59 monthly rate around the time he and his family moved into a home they'd built in Crete, Nebraska, late last year. Starlink emerged as the best option available after another service provider said it was infeasible to connect his home to a nearby fiber optic line, he said.

But Starlink recently informed Schmit his bill will more than double, he said. He said he is frustrated by the rate hike, especially after he put a hole in his new roof to run his Starlink connection into the home. The state's move to rely on satellite internet to cover so many areas, he said, entails "reckless thinking."

"Are we just going to be stuck with this and [they] just bleed us until we can't be bled anymore? I prefer more options," he said. "That's the whole beauty of market competition."

Slama, the lawyer who depends on high speeds and bandwidth for video streaming consultations with legal clients, said she understands why Starlink wouldn't want competitors in her market.

"Fiber would offer a far more stable alternative," she said, adding, "I would switch to fiber tomorrow if it was offered. It makes sense from a business perspective that Starlink is opposing rural fiber expansion."

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A Starlink dish in 2024 in San Anselmo, California. The satellite-based internet service from Musk's rocket-maker, SpaceX, was the only practical option for many in rural communities.

19 Republicans join nearly all Democrats in opposing bill

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would require Senate confirmation.

It was not immediately clear whether Clayton's nomination would change congressional calculations for the renewal of FISA.

Democratic leaders continued to signal Thursday afternoon that they would oppose the program if Pulte stepped into the role, even temporarily.

House members left Washington for a week-long recess before Trump announced his nomination of Clayton.

Section 702 is due to expire Friday at midnight. As they prepared to leave Washington on Thursday, lawmakers sought to blame the other side for the stunning failure to reach a deal.

House Majority Leader Steve Scalise (R-Louisiana) criticized Senate Democrats for blocking FISA, saying the upper chamber should have advanced a House-passed bill to fully reauthorize FISA in April. Instead, the Senate approved a short-term measure that the House adopted and which expires Friday.

The Senate had signaled that the House bill passed in April stood no chance of clearing the chamber's 60-vote threshold.

"The Democrats in the Senate have made a really bad and dangerous decision to block the national security apparatus of our country, and it's a dangerous move, and at some point they're going to have to get back to caring about this country," Scalise said.

Johnson visited the White House multiple times this week for direct talks with Trump, who later called on Congress to extend the program by a few weeks to allow time for further negotiations.

The House went on a week-long recess after finalizing the failed FISA vote. When reporters asked Johnson if he would call the chamber back into Washington if a deal is reached in the Senate, he said, "What would be the point?"

Lawmakers had already passed multiple stopgap measures this year ahead of previous deadlines to renew Section 702.

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Federal Housing Finance Agency Director Bill Pulte was appointed last week as acting director of national intelligence, sparking an outcry.

But Democrats have balked at any further extension with the appointment of Pulte, who has no national security experience, as the acting director of national intelligence.

Sen. Mark R. Warner (Virginia), the top Democrat on the Senate Intelligence Committee, who has long supported the program, told reporters Thursday that inserting Pulte was an "outright insult to the intelligence community."

"There have been a half-dozen exit ramps for the White House on this problem," Warner told reporters Thursday. "They have chosen not to take them, even, I think, at the request of my Republican Senate [and] House friends and, frankly, people in the administration."

The position — America's top intelligence post — requires a background in national security by law, and Democrats have argued that placing Pulte in the role even temporarily is both dangerous and illegal. Some Republicans have also questioned his qualifications but mostly have argued that Section 702 is too critical to risk allowing it to lapse.

Rep. Brian Mast (R-Florida), chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said "there are problems" with FISA going dark because it provides a "tremendous amount" of intelligence, and the lapse in authorization will affect the U.S. ability to surveil foreign adversaries.

But House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-New York) said Democrats' believe the larger risk to national security is having Pulte as intelligence czar.

"There is bipartisan opposition to temporarily extending surveillance authority and putting it in the hands of Donald Trump, Kash Patel and Bill Pulte," Jeffries told reporters. Patel is the FBI director.

Jeffries pointed out that 19 House Republicans "voted against the temporary extension of surveillance authority in the absence of meaningful reforms to protect the privacy and civil liberties of the American people."

On the broader risk of tools lapsing, Jeffries said, "We're going to have to cross that bridge when we get to it."

"I trust our national security professionals to continue to do all they can to protect the safety, well-being and national security interests of the American people," he said.

Trump has signaled Pulte's appointment is not permanent — and that his primary task would be to make drastic cuts at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence — but has refused to walk back the decision.

Section 702 allows the U.S. intelligence community to gather the calls, texts and emails from American telecommunications firms of foreigners living abroad and suspected of posing a threat. On occasion, that warrantless collection can sweep up data on American citizens in communication with those foreigners, which has concerned privacy advocates and civil libertarians in both parties.

The administration has said the program is essential to keeping U.S. citizens safe, from thwarting terrorist attacks to helping enable hostage rescues. Lawmakers from both parties have said the surveillance tool supplies about 60 percent of the information included in the president's daily intelligence brief.

Some lawmakers have called for the government to obtain a warrant before using the tool in cases that may involve U.S. citizens, a step the administration and some other lawmakers have said would encumber the speedy collection of intelligence.

The far-right House Freedom Caucus has already blocked multiple attempts to reauthorize Section 702 this year. Last week, a group of right-wing Republicans helped vote down a bid to advance the program in the Senate.

Some Democratic members of the party focused on national security have assisted in negotiations throughout the year — including by making the case to others in their party that Section 702 was vital.

In recent weeks, it appeared that Senate lawmakers were close to a deal that would renew the law, but Pulte's appointment tanked any agreement.

"There is a path to reauthorizing FISA, but it will require enacting meaningful reforms. We oppose this bill to kick the can further down the road," the House Democratic leadership — including Rep. Jim Himes (Connecticut), the top Democrat on the Intelligence Committee — wrote in a statement ahead of the Thursday vote.

A court that governs FISA has ruled that Section 702 can continue into early next year even if Congress doesn't to renew the law. It remains unclear, though, whether telecommunications firms that supply the information under the current program will continue doing so or stop complying for fear they could face lawsuits without ongoing authorization from Congress.

Warsh may soon be forced to defy Trump, raise rates

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Federal Reserve chair Kevin Warsh, seen in April, will hold his first policy meeting next week with inflation at a three-year high.

President Donald Trump's new Federal Reserve chair, Kevin Warsh, previously argued that the Fed had room to cut interest rates, a message that made him attractive to a president who has long viewed cuts as a top priority.

Only weeks into his role as chair, Warsh is confronting rekindled inflation that may eventually force him to do the opposite on rates, defying President Donald Trump, to exercise the Fed's strongest tool to fight inflation.

This week's consumer price index showed inflation topping 4 percent on an annual basis for the first time in three years. The hot inflation report landed about a week before Warsh chairs his first regularly scheduled policy meeting and one that could set the early terms of his tenure. And the news follows a stronger-than-expected jobs report reflecting resilience in the labor market, the other part of economy the Fed watches.

The Fed is designed to operate independently of the White House, setting interest rates based on its best assessment of the economy rather than short-term political pressure. That independence has long been considered a cornerstone of the central bank's credibility — and a source of tension with some presidents, especially Trump, who wants dramatically lower borrowing costs.

"A critical test for Warsh in the early going will be whether he delivers the cuts Trump so strenuously demanded," said David Wilcox, an economist at Bloomberg Economics and the Peterson Institute for International Economics. "Depending on how economic circumstances unfold, Warsh and his colleagues may be put in the difficult position of having to defy Trump by not delivering rate cuts and conceivably even hiking them."

The logic behind a potential rate increase is straightforward: With the economy running hot, punctuated by the surprisingly solid jobs market, higher interest rates would raise borrowing costs on an array of loans, cooling demand and preventing the economy from overheating. It is the Fed's classic role, in the words of a former chair, to take away the punch bowl just as the party gets going. The question is whether Warsh will pull that lever, and when.

The Fed is almost certain to hold rates steady at its meeting next week. But investors increasingly predict the central bank will move toward higher rates before the end of the year.

The Fed's short-term benchmark rate ripples through the financial system, shaping what millions of Americans pay for mortgages, car loans and other forms of borrowing. The Fed doesn't directly set those interest rates, though it does influence them.

Warsh is unlikely to telegraph his next move, and he may in fact begin a shift toward communicating less about his projections about the economy. One subtle move: He may cut language in the Fed's policy statement that has suggested a rate cut is more likely than a rate increase. That change alone would reflect a meaningful shift for the financial markets that closely parse every word emanating from the central bank.

Some Fed officials have signaled growing impatience with the hope that inflation will simply fade on its own. Cleveland Fed President Beth Hammack said last week it "may soon be appropriate to act" on inflation — language widely read as a signal she could push for a rate hike this summer. Dallas Fed President Lorie Logan has also indicated openness to higher rates.

Vincent Reinhart, a former Fed official who spent years drafting the Fed policy statements, said he thinks Warsh can navigate the politics without ever getting to a hike — at least for now. By stripping out existing language in its post-meeting statements that has signaled a bias toward rate cuts, Warsh can satisfy the inflation "hawks" on his committee.

"There is a practical political benefit from cutting out the guidance," said Reinhart, now at BNY Investments. "It makes the target you put on your back smaller."

Warsh can also signal he is an agent of change simply by reworking the post-meeting statement that has accumulated decades of boilerplate language that adds little value and takes up a big chunk of the document, Reinhart added.

At his White House swearing-in ceremony last month, Warsh pledged to lead a "reform-oriented Federal Reserve." He has yet to comment publicly on interest-rate policy. Warsh has since tapped two conservative policy veterans as interim advisers, one of whom helped write the chapter on overhauling the Fed in the conservative Project 2025 blueprint.

Trump said he wanted Warsh to be "totally independent," while adding what he hopes that independence will yield. "You get the interest rates down, everybody's going to be very, very happy," he said after Warsh's swearing-in ceremony. Asked on NBC's "Meet the Press" whether he would support a rate increase, Trump said he wanted Warsh to "do whatever he wants." Then he added, "We should actually lower interest rates."

Veteran Fed watchers say Trump misunderstands how monetary policy actually works. The president tends to think of interest rates the way a real estate developer would, from the borrower's side, rather than as a macroeconomic tool. If Warsh were to cut rates now, longer-term rates set by the market would likely rise in response, as investors demand higher returns in anticipation of higher inflation. That pushes up mortgage rates and undermines the very relief Trump craves. The bond market, already in a sour mood, would punish the move.

The inflation toll is showing up in the data. Consumer sentiment has fallen to its lowest level on record, while inflation expectations remain elevated and are moving in the wrong direction.

Though inflation has been fueled by successive supply and energy shocks, compounded by fiscal stimulus, it's the Fed that now has a credibility problem: It is the institution specifically charged with price stability, and inflation has remained above target for more than five years, said Diane Swonk, chief economist at the accounting and consulting firm KPMG. She projects the Fed will raise rates twice this year.

"At the end of the day, the Fed's job is to make sure that does not continue," she said.

Democrats put in crosshairs U.S. companies that buy back their own stocks

Lawmakers propose raising excise tax to 4 percent, from 1 percent

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Senate Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-New York) on Capitol Hill this month.

Senate Democrats are proposing a bill that would raise the taxes companies pay when they buy back their own stock.

Publicly traded companies sometimes buy back outstanding shares from stockholders who are willing to sell in a move that increases the value of the remaining shares. CEOs can benefit from a stock buyback because much of their compensation is tied to the value of the company's shares.

Senate Democrats are calling for an increase in the federal tax corporations pay when they repurchase their own shares, an effort that has not been previously reported. The tax is currently at 1 percent of the share repurchases, but Democrats want to increase it to 4 percent.

The effort revives a long-running debate over whether companies have used savings from tax cuts to help reward executives instead of investing in workers.

Senate Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-New York) is expected to introduce the bill Thursday, alongside Sen. Ron Wyden (Oregon), the lead Democrat on the Senate Finance Committee, and Sen. Elizabeth Warren (Massachusetts), the lead Democrat on the Senate Banking Committee.

The bill is not expected to make progress with Congress under Republican leadership, but the move is part of a larger effort Democrats are waging ahead of the midterms to show they are attuned to people's concerns about affordability and making companies pay their fair share.

"We're going to use the tax code to deal with affordability and to deal with increasing wages, reducing income inequality," Schumer said in an interview Wednesday with The Washington Post.

The legislation reflects a broader criticism of President Donald Trump's 2017 tax cut law, which lowered the corporate tax rate from 35 percent of net profits to 21 percent. At the time, many large corporations promised the tax cuts would lead to more job opportunities and higher wages. Instead, Democrats point to data that suggests a significant share of corporate profits went toward stock buybacks, benefiting investors and executives who own the largest shares of stocks.

S&P 500 data shows stock buybacks jumped after the 2017 tax law took effect. Buybacks dipped in 2023 after Democrats passed a new 1 percent excise tax on stock repurchases as part of the Inflation Reduction Act signed by President Joe Biden, though the pullback was short-lived. Preliminary estimates show buybacks exceeded $1 trillion in 2025.

Republican lawmakers have largely opposed taxing or limiting buybacks. Although Democrats are currently in the minority in both chambers of Congress, Schumer said the new proposal signals what Democrats will do on tax policy should they regain the majority.

Schumer said stock buybacks don't increase jobs or investments; instead, the practice "lines the pockets of the corporate executives, who are the wealthiest people around, and shareholders."

"It's shameful that wealthy shareholders and executives are profiting while American families pay through the roof for groceries, gas, and rent," Warren said in a statement. "This bill is an important step forward in making corporations pay their fair share."

Tax experts say the impact of a higher tax on buybacks depends on how companies respond.

Garrett Watson, director of policy analysis at the Tax Foundation, said a 4 percent rate could dissuade some firms from stock buybacks, while generating revenue for the federal government. He estimated the higher tax rate could raise about $242 billion over a decade.

Alexander Arnon, director of policy analysis at the Penn Wharton Budget Model, said the existing 1 percent tax had a limited impact on corporate behavior. He said a higher rate would probably drive some changes in behavior, although it's not clear whether companies would raise wages or invest more in workers. He estimated the 4 percent tax on buybacks could raise approximately $300 billion over 10 years.

Researchers say part of the appeal of buybacks is that they carry lower tax rates than dividends, which are taxed immediately as income to shareholders, subject to higher tax rates.

Buybacks allow investors to benefit from stock price increases, and they are not taxed until the shares are sold. The difference has helped make stock repurchases a more attractive way for companies to give cash to investors and employees.

"It's just a powerful force, and [companies] have just shown how relentless they are … about buying back their stock," said Chuck Marr, vice president for federal tax policy at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

He said it is hard to see how much of an effect a higher rate on buybacks would have on companies, "but it will raise real money."

Trump nominates Clayton for intelligence czar after Pulte pick sparked uproar

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term and a longtime corporate attorney, was appointed to serve as the permanent U.S. attorney in Manhattan last year.

Confirmed in the Senate on a bipartisan basis in 2017 when he was picked to lead the SEC, Clayton garnered praise from both parties in Congress on Thursday.

Senate Majority Leader John Thune (R-South Dakota) and Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Tom Cotton (R-Arkansas) said they would move Clayton's nomination through the confirmation process as quickly as possible.

Sen. Mark R. Warner (Virginia) and Rep. Jim Himes (Connecticut), the top-ranking Democrats on the Senate and House intelligence committees, both expressed support for Clayton's nomination. But they also questioned the timing of Trump's announcement, which came after House members had already voted down the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act extension and left town.

"Had this nomination been made a week ago, lots of pain might have been avoided," Himes wrote on X.

Warner said in a statement that "there needs to be a clear guarantee that Mr. Pulte will not serve as acting DNI" before the Senate takes up a FISA extension. He said that either "Gabbard must remain in place or the administration must designate the Senate-confirmed Principal Deputy DNI as the acting head through any transition." Warner appeared to be referencing Gabbard deputy Aaron Lukas.

Senate Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-New York) also questioned why the president waited "until after the House went home" to announce Clayton's nomination.

"Pulte's got to go, period. That's it. No ands, ifs or buts," he told reporters Thursday.

CIA Director John Ratcliffe recommended to Trump that Clayton serve as director of national intelligence, according to a person familiar with the decision.

The person, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal administration dynamics, said Trump expects that Pulte will preside over a significant downsizing of ODNI and then turn the operation over to Clayton.

Since April 2025, Clayton has served as the top prosecutor in the Southern District of New York, overseeing what is considered the nation's most prestigious federal prosecutor's office.

But he was never confirmed by the Senate because Schumer promised to block his nomination in protest of Trump imposing what Schumer deemed political influence on the Justice Department.

Still, Clayton, who has no previous prosecutorial experience but is a respected white-collar defense attorney, was considered one of Trump's less controversial U.S. attorney picks.

"From what I hear he's done a good job at SDNY," said a former senior SDNY prosecutor who stays in close touch with former colleagues and who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the matter's sensitivity. "People seem to like him. He's managed to stay out of the political prosecutions that have gone on in other districts."

"So this is a loss," said the former prosecutor, "for the Southern District."

Last August, federal judges in New York appointed him to serve as the permanent U.S. attorney in the Manhattan prosecutor's office. Clayton has managed to publicly remain out of the political crosshairs — even as his office has been engulfed in some of the Justice Department's controversies and notable cases.

During his tenure at the U.S. attorney's office in Manhattan, Justice Department officials fired veteran SDNY prosecutor Maurene Comey, daughter of Trump foe and former FBI director James B. Comey. Clayton has indicated it was not his call, according to a lawsuit filed by Maurene Comey against the Justice Department. In the suit, she said she asked why she was fired.

"All I can say is it came from Washington," she said he told her. "I can't tell you anything else."

Clayton also headed the office during the trial of Sean "Diddy" Combs, who was convicted of prostitution-related charges but acquitted of sex trafficking.

In November, then-Attorney General Pam Bondi directed Clayton to lead an investigation into the relationships between deceased sex offender Jeffrey Epstein and several prominent Democrats, including former president Bill Clinton. The status and findings of that investigation have not been announced.

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Shrinking churches are transforming their buildings for affordable housing

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An affordable-housing development above Central United Methodist Church in Arlington, Virginia.

For a century, Central United Methodist did church the standard way. Its 95-foot steeple was a beacon in growing Arlington County, Virginia. Worshipers sat in wooden pews, and over the decades expansions were made to add a school and a gym.

But last year, the church completed a much more radical transformation, building an uber-modern, eight-story affordable housing tower on its property and tucking a sanctuary and space for vital community services onto the first floor.

The total makeover, priced at $84.8 million, reflects a striking national trend. In the past three or four years, the category the U.S. Census Bureau calls "religious construction" has boomed, spiking as the rest of nonresidential construction has nose-dived and then flattened.

In 2025 alone, spending on religious construction rose 17 percent, the fastest growth of any private nonresidential category, the bureau said. Almost everything else built — offices, hospitals, factories, shops — was flat or in decline.

The surge comes in an era of major flux in how Americans find and express their religious and spiritual values. The percentage who say religion is "very important" to them stands at 45 percent, its lowest point since Gallup began asking, in 1965. Fewer than 1 in 3 adults told Gallup that they go to religious services each week.

The vast majority of Americans — 70 percent — still are affiliated with a faith. But what that means, institutionally, is changing as people find meaning-making communities online or in other expressions such as political activism.

That has demanded major pivoting by religious institutions. Experts say those forces are largely what is driving the religious construction boom, as institutions try to meet the moment. Also contributing to the trend are the pandemic, population shifts and a spate of new laws to make religious construction easier.

"Churches are experiencing some major shifts. The needs of people in these buildings are very different than they were 100 years ago when a lot of buildings were built," said the Rev. Sarah Harrison-McQueen, pastor at Central UMC.

There has been a push in the past decade, she said, to recognize that "if you're not using your building more than an hour a week, you're wasting your resources."

During the pandemic, many congregations halted construction and renovations as uncertainty over attendance and finances made it difficult to plan. Scott Thumma, who runs the Hartford Institute for Religion Research, said those stalled building campaigns began ramping up in late 2022 and have been arriving in waves ever since.

The pandemic shutdown also allowed congregations to step away from day-to-day life and assess what they really needed out of their buildings, Thumma said. It led some to acknowledge the shrinking of their more traditional activities and to find other uses for their property, leading to construction.

Many congregations realized during this period that their buildings needed upkeep work and launched post-pandemic capital campaigns, Thumma said. For some congregations, a shift to online giving when buildings were closed led to an increase in financial resources.

At the same time, several states passed laws making it easier for houses of worship to build affordable housing on their land. Virginia Gov. Abigail Spanberger (D) signed the Faith in Housing Act in April, following similar legislation in California in 2023 and Florida in 2025. States including Connecticut, Massachusetts and Illinois are weighing their own bills.

A Rutgers University report published in March documented 200 religious housing projects across the country between 2015 and 2025, producing nearly 10,000 affordable units. The pace accelerated from roughly six projects completed in 2015 to around 31 in 2024.

Another reason for the boom in church construction, according to Thumma, is a trend among larger churches to grow by opening smaller satellite campuses rather than building in the same spot. Experts say that opening smaller branches is logistically and financially easier than getting permits for an even bigger main building, and that smaller sites are better able to reach different language or cultural groups.

In the Northeast, Catholic populations are consolidating and moving to the Sun Belt. This hasn't yet led to many new parishes, but experts say it is leading to expansions, updates and other new construction for existing congregations.

In Virginia, Central's radical building transformation was fueled by some soul-searching years ago among the congregation, which sees about 55 people on an average Sunday. They pondered what they wanted the church's role to be and the importance of its building, even as they noticed in a new way how many homeless people lived in the surrounding streets.

Once they decided to move forward in 2014 with affordable housing, it took a decade of rejected applications for tax credits, covid delays and neighborhood conversations before the project could happen. A good chunk of funding ultimately came from a pool that Amazon had given the state as part of its deal to build HQ2, its massive East Coast Hub, in Arlington. (Amazon founder Jeff Bezos owns The Washington Post.) The church covered about $11 million of the cost.

St. Gabriel Catholic Church, in Cave Creek, Arizona, in the Phoenix area, hopes to break ground next year on a 152-unit senior living facility next to the parish, on church property. With assisted living and some memory care, the project was driven by the idea that Catholics in particular need to attend worship in person, to receive Communion, and that being a golf cart's ride away would deeply improve older congregants' lives.

The project is being done with Acanthus Senior Living, which also plans to build four similar facilities in the fast-growing Phoenix diocese. Bart Shea, CEO of Acanthus, said 70 parishes around the country are interested in similar projects.

The arrangement took nine years of planning and was complicated in part because to get financing, the building had to be open to non-Catholics. The parishes will lease the land to the builder, who will pay them back 10 percent of profits.

"No one else was dumb enough" to take on the complexity, said Shea, a Catholic who said he's haunted by his mother's desire to go to Mass in her final days — a wish he was able to fulfill in only a limited way because of distance.

Shea said what's driving these projects is the shortage in the country for appropriate housing for seniors.

Warren Wooten, assistant director for affordable housing for the city of Charlotte — and an active, lifelong churchgoer — said conversations about what to do with religious buildings "are really hot across the nation. It's blowing up everywhere."

Charlotte Mayor Vi Lyles in late 2024 established Faith in Housing, which helps faith-based groups create affordable projects. In May 2025, more than 400 people from 90 congregations came to a kickoff conference. As of now, Charlotte has 12 congregations going through an 18-week program to get ready for development.

"From what I've seen, there's a really a huge variety of ways people are thinking about the reality that, 'The way I've done church is fundamentally changing, and how do we as a faithful congregation respond well to those changes?'" Wooten said. "In some places, it's a dying church. They don't have the numbers, but they say, 'We want to leave a legacy here.'"

Sometimes construction is about creating a new funding stream for the congregation's next project, he said. Sometimes it's a way to respond to new needs in the community, such as a rapid influx of immigrants. Some want to reimagine the church as a shared civic space.

That is part of what is happening in Arlington. Retirees Jeanie and Gene Cross were involved in getting Central remodeled, and now cook and serve food to the community twice a week at a new kitchen that looks more like a cafe, with big windows looking out at the street.

"We both have a belief that it is important to live the life your religion or value system teaches," Gene Cross wrote in an email. "The building project at Central and the mission focus of our activities at Central and other areas are part of what we believe our faith teaches."

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Man pleads guilty to murdering Minnesota state legislator and her husband

Killer avoids death penalty after shooting rampage last year

BY SHEILA REGAN AND JEREMY ROEBUCK

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A photo of Minnesota state Rep. Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark, at their June 28 funeral in Minneapolis.

MINNEAPOLIS — The man accused of assassinating a former speaker of the Minnesota House and her husband last year in what authorities have described as an act of targeted political violence pleaded guilty Thursday after federal prosecutors said they would not seek the death penalty against him.

Vance Boelter, 58, of Green Isle, Minnesota, told a federal judge he fatally shot state Rep. Melissa Hortman (D) and her husband, Mark, during an early-morning rampage last June in which he disguised himself as a police officer and sought to target other lawmakers. Boelter also admitted to shooting state Sen. John A. Hoffman (D) and his wife, Yvette, during the attacks. They survived but sustained critical injuries and watched Thursday's hearing from the courtroom gallery.

As part of a deal struck with prosecutors, Boelter pleaded guilty to six counts including stalking, murder and discharging a firearm in a crime of violence and agreed to serve a sentence of two life terms plus 40 years.

The agreement does not resolve state charges Boelter is also facing for his crimes. U.S. District Judge John Tunheim said he hoped to schedule a formal sentencing hearing for Boelter before the end of July to expedite pending proceedings in the state case.

Boelter's appearance in court Thursday occurred nearly a year after his brazen rampage cut short the life of Hortman, a promising Democratic lawmaker, her husband and left a trail of devastation across Minnesota that stoked concern about rising rates of politically motivated violence in the United States.

He showed little emotion as a prosecutor read the details of his crimes. Shackled at the ankles and dressed in orange prison garb, Boelter simply responded "yes" as the judge asked whether the government had accurately described what he did.

Boelter acknowledged he wore body armor, a silicone mask and a wig as he arrived at the Hortmans' home in the early hours of June 14, posing as an officer investigating reports of shots being fired in the area.

Mark Hortman opened the door, prosecutors said, and demanded to see a badge or identification. Boelter responded by pulling a handgun and repeatedly shooting Melissa Hortman,

Vance Boelter

at one point firing at point-blank range.

Prosecutors' description of that moment drew audible sobs from the courtroom gallery.

In a statement afterward, the Hortman family said "there is no justice for Mark and Melissa Hortman."

"There is not justice when our family and our state will never truly heal," it read.

An attorney for Boelter did not immediately return requests for comment Thursday.

The shootings occurred amid a spate of other high-profile incidents of politically motivated violence across the United States.

Months before the attacks, an arsonist set fire to the residence of Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro (D), later telling police he was motivated by "hatred" toward the governor. Three months after the Minnesota slayings, conservative commentator Charlie Kirk was fatally shot during an event on a college campus in Utah. And earlier this year, law enforcement said, an armed man stormed the White House correspondents' dinner in Washington, attempting to harm Trump administration officials who were in attendance.

But even against that backdrop, the attacks in which Boelter has been charged stood out both for the number of intended targets and the meticulous planning authorities say led up to them.

Prosecutors said Thursday that Boelter stalked his intended victims over weeks, keeping a handwritten notebook with the names of lawmakers' family members and researching their addresses online.

He first targeted the Hoffmans, approaching their home in disguise and ordering the senator and his family to raise their hands under the guise he was committing a robbery. Boelter acknowledged Thursday firing several shots at the couple before escaping in a vehicle disguised as a police SUV.

Prosecutors said Boelter then traveled to the homes of at least two other state lawmakers. Neither was at their residence.

He eventually arrived at the home of the Hortmans in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota. There, after killing Melissa Hortman, Boelter was interrupted by local police conducting a welfare check as he fatally shot her husband, law enforcement officials have said.

Boelter managed to escape, leading to a 48-hour manhunt before authorities captured him near his home, about 50 miles outside Minneapolis.

Investigators have since said Boelter confessed to the attacks in a rambling, delusion-filled letter addressed to FBI Director Kash Patel in which he claimed he had been acting on secret orders from Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz (D).

In the letter, he maintained he had been secretly trained by the U.S. military and that Walz had ordered him to kill the state's two Democratic U.S. senators, Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith. Boelter said he did not want to participate and did so only because his family had been threatened and that his victims were somehow part of that alleged plot, prosecutors have said.

Friends have described Boelter as an avidly evangelical Christian and occasional preacher who spent most of his career in the food industry while dreaming of launching a security business. In court Thursday, he told Tunheim in addition to Minnesota, he'd lived in Wisconsin, Oklahoma and Texas, and had traveled internationally to the Middle East, Eastern Europe and Africa.

He said he has five children, drawing a brief "That's impressive" from the judge.

The Justice Department's decision not to pursue the death penalty against Boelter comes as the Trump administration has pushed to expand the use of capital punishment in federal crimes. But recent developments in another high-profile murder case had prompted some doubt about whether prosecutors would be able to sustain a capital conviction against Boelter.

A federal judge in Manhattan recently scuttled the Justice Department's plan to pursue death penalty charges against Luigi Mangione, who is accused of gunning down UnitedHealthcare CEO Brian Thompson in 2024 outside a New York hotel.

To secure a capital conviction, prosecutors would have had to prove that Thompson's killing occurred during the commission of another violent crime. The judge in that case ruled that stalking does not qualify as a crime of violence.

Boelter was facing the same combination of stalking and murder charges in the deaths of the Hortmans.

Daniel Rosen, the top federal prosecutor in Minnesota, defended the deal his office struck with Boelter to take the death penalty off the table in exchange for his guilty plea.

"When you have a defendant that is prepared to plead guilty, take consecutive life terms, to ensure that he never sees freedom again in his entire life," he told reporters at a news conference following Thursday's court hearing. "That was an opportunity that we just could not, that we could just not pass up."

Roebuck reported from Washington.

Seniors needed long-term care and rehab. Their private plans denied them.

Watchdog details inner workings of rejections in Medicare Advantage

BY CHRISTOPHER ROWLAND

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CVS Health denied 80 percent of requests for long-term hospital care, a watchdog's report said.

Elderly people on privatized Medicare plans were routinely denied coverage for long-term hospital care and inpatient rehab by a trio of for-profit insurers that dominate the program, according to a government watchdog report released Thursday, raising concerns that some patients may have been refused medically necessary care.

Aetna, which is part of CVS Health, denied 80 percent of requests for long-term hospital care, while UnitedHealthcare and Humana rejected 70 percent of requests, according to the report by the Office of Inspector General for the Department of Health and Human Services, which examined more than 2,000 cases in the sample month of June 2024.

For inpatient rehabilitation services, UnitedHealthcare led denials with 64 percent, while Humana and Aetna denied a little over 50 percent, the study found.

The report focused on the performance of companies that offer Medicare Advantage plans, which cover more than half of all Medicare beneficiaries, or about 35 million people. As an alternative to traditional Medicare, the private plans offer their members low monthly premiums. But to reduce costs, Medicare Advantage carriers require preapprovals for many services.

Complaints about coverage denials under Medicare Advantage are long-standing and widespread. The new report goes beyond anecdotes and provides hard data on performance.

Among the findings: The leading for-profit Medicare Advantage companies denied coverage more often than nonprofits did. The pattern suggests that "financial incentives may be partially driving higher denial rates," the report found.

"The dominance of a few large insurance companies means that the policies and performance of a few companies can impact care for millions of people," said Rosemary Bartholomew, team leader for the report.

The OIG investigators zeroed in on care typically required after an elderly person is released from a hospital. Specialized long-term-care hospitals provide high-level care for extended periods of time. Inpatient rehab provides intensive therapy for patients with complex needs.

AHIP, a major industry trade group for insurance companies, said the OIG report was flawed. The group said the report did not differentiate between claims denied because of administrative issues (such as missing documentation or information) and denials that were rejected because they failed a clinical assessment of medical necessity.

"The reports ignore serious, well-documented concerns about wide variations in the cost and quality of post-acute care and skilled nursing facilities. More than 35 million Americans actively choose [Medicare Advantage] because it provides them with better, more affordable care — including helping seniors transition to high-quality, clinically appropriate care settings to support their rehab and recovery," said Chris Bond, an AHIP spokesperson.

Aetna said in response that its prior-authorization reviews "support safe, effective and affordable care" when it receives timely information from hospitals and doctors.

"Our priority is helping patients get the care they need without unnecessary delays," the company said. "We review requests promptly, offer a clear appeals process, and are leading the way for continuous patient-centered improvements."

UnitedHealthcare and Humana declined to comment. The Better Medicare Alliance, which represents the industry, said companies are working on improvements.

"This report reflects data from 2024. Since then, health plans have voluntarily eliminated roughly 6.5 million prior authorizations across markets — including more than 15 percent in Medicare Advantage," said Mary Beth Donahue, president and CEO of the Better Medicare Alliance.

The OIG team in a companion report detailed denial rates for nursing home care, which were much lower: around 12 percent.

What stood out to investigators, however, was that "nearly all" denials for nursing home care were overturned on appeal — which shows that the care was in fact necessary.

In June 2024, UnitedHealthcare received 1,025 appeals of denials for nursing home admission. The company overturned 99.7 percent of the denials. Aetna reversed 98.2 percent, and Humana overturned 92.1 percent. Denials were typically overturned after six days; that means many patients waited a week or more to be discharged from a hospital and moved to a nursing home, according to the report.

"Waiting an extra five or six days in the hospital can have a big psychological impact," Bartholomew said. "Delaying access to post-acute rehab can have clinical impacts on patients."

Advocates for the elderly reacted to the report with dismay.

"Individuals in need of skilled care should be able to access that care without having to navigate an insurance system that is confusing and, according to the report, designed to reflexively deny care," said Sam Brooks, director of public policy for the National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care.

Only a small percentage of initial denials were appealed, he noted, and "as a result, the vast majority of individuals went without care."

The review also focused on insurance companies' use of contractors to conduct prior-authorization reviews. It found that a contractor that is part of UnitedHealth Group, formerly called NaviHealth, denied nursing home care more often than insurers themselves or other contractors. NaviHealth's practices, reportedly driven by an algorithm to determine care needs, were the subject of an investigation in 2023 by the health news site STAT.

The inspector general is urging the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which oversees Medicare Advantage, to take action to make sure carriers are not improperly denying care.

"As enrollment in Medicare Advantage continues to grow, so does the urgency and importance of ensuring that [insurance companies] are delivering on the value that the federal government pays them to provide," the OIG report said.

CMS, which is led by Administrator Mehmet Oz, said it is examining insurance denials by collecting data through a pilot program and conducting audits. It said it has "secured commitments" from health plans to improve.

"CMS will continue using its full range of oversight and enforcement tools to identify potential issues, hold plans accountable and strengthen program integrity while protecting beneficiary access to care," the agency said.

With two Dan Sullivans in Alaska's Senate race, Republicans cry foul

They say little-known candidate of same name is a ploy to confuse voters

BY MATTHEW CHOI

There are two Dan Sullivans running for Senate in Alaska.

One is Sen. Dan S. Sullivan, a two-term Republican incumbent. The other is Dan J. Sullivan, a retired teacher from Petersburg who filed to run as a Republican candidate three days before the deadline.

Republicans are not buying it. They have accused the lesser-known Sullivan of entering the race to confuse voters and help Democrat Mary Peltola, a former congresswoman trying to flip the seat. The newcomer Sullivan and Peltola have denied any coordination, but the fight is now the focus of a new complaint filed Wednesday with the Federal Election Commission and an investigation by Alaska election officials.

"That's more Democrat corruption," said Dan S., the incumbent senator. "Purposefully trick Alaskans to rig a vote in favor of a Democrat? You're at it again? It's not funny. It'll blow up in your face."

Meanwhile, Dan J. says he has the same right as anybody to run for office.

The case has turned a middle initial into a political flash point, with high stakes riding on the outcome. The state's unique primary system could mean the two Sullivans and Peltola will all end up on the same ballot, siphoning support away from the incumbent.

Democrats are targeting the Senate seat in Alaska as a potential stepping stone in their quest to retake control of the U.S. Senate. Peltola has experience winning statewide in Alaska, serving as its sole member of the House from 2022 to 2025.

Senate Republicans allege in a complaint Wednesday that Dan J. (the last-minute candidate) improperly accepted help from a consultant with a history of supporting Peltola. Metadata in Dan J.'s campaign announcement suggests it was written by communications consultant Amber Lee, who's publicly backed Peltola in past elections, the complaint says. Lee's other clients include many liberal organizations and causes.

The complaint, filed by the National Republican Senatorial Committee with the Federal Election Commission, alleges that if Lee provided unpaid professional services, the work could constitute an excessive in-kind contribution.

"Mary Peltola and her minions continue to show they don't think the rules apply to them," NRSC press secretary Nick Puglia said in a statement. "The FEC must immediately investigate and sanction Fraud Dan Sullivan and Amber Lee for breaking federal law."

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Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska), a two-term incumbent, walks to a policy luncheon on Capitol Hill in 2023.

KAREN DILLMAN/AP

Dan J. Sullivan, a retired teacher, filed to run as a Republican three days before the deadline.

But Dan J. has defended himself in documents and public statements in recent days, saying his desire to run and hold office is genuine.

"I am running because I am tired of sitting back and watching our current Senator routinely fail to represent the interests of ordinary Alaskans like me," he wrote in a letter to state election officials. "The fact that Senator Sullivan shares my first and last names adds insult to injury, motivating me to raise my hand as an alternative choice for Alaskans."

In response to questions, Peltola campaign spokesperson Harry Child said Thursday, "Our campaign has no involvement with either Sullivan campaign."

The NRSC also submitted a complaint last week asking the FEC to investigate whether Democrats were intentionally trying to deceive voters by running the lesser-known Sullivan in the Senate race. The group noted his new campaign logo bears striking similarity to the senator's existing logo.

"Respondents have engaged in a knowing and willful scheme to fraudulently misrepresent a federal candidacy with the intent to deceive Alaska voters of ordinary prudence to damage Senator Dan Sullivan's reelection prospects," the group wrote in its complaint.

The Alaska state government launched its own investigation into the matter, Lt. Gov. Nancy Dahlstrom (R) announced Monday. Dahlstrom wrote to Dan J., notifying him that the state could exclude him from the ballot if it determines he launched his campaign in bad faith. If he is included on the ballot, Dahlstrom proposed listing him with his middle name and a parenthetical noting he is a nonincumbent.

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Dan J. previously wrote to the state's Division of Elections that he fulfills every constitutional qualification to run for Senate and that the coincidence over his name is no reason to exclude him. He explains his thin history with the Republican Party by saying he was previously affiliated with the Alaskan Independence Party.

The race has become a test of how much confusion a ballot can tolerate. Alaska's election system gives that confusion unusually high stakes. The state has an open primary system where all candidates regardless of party affiliation are listed on the Aug. 18 ballot. The top four candidates are then placed on a ranked-choice ballot in the November general election. Having two candidates of the same name and party could split support for Sen. Sullivan and benefit Peltola.

Peltola has attracted bipartisan support in the state. She won the endorsement of Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R) during her 2022 and 2024 House runs, though Murkowski endorsed incumbent Dan S. in this year's Senate race. Peltola also has a competitive fundraising operation, having more than $5 million in the bank as of the end of March, according to FEC reports. The two-term incumbent Sullivan reported just over $7 million.

Meanwhile, as of Thursday, the newcomer Sullivan didn't appear to have submitted any fundraising paperwork with the FEC.

Noah Robertson contributed to this report.

New York congressional candidate found not guilty over ICE facility protest

BY TEO ARMUS

Brad Lander, the former New York City comptroller and a Democratic candidate for the U.S. House, was found not guilty of a federal misdemeanor charge tied to a protest he and other local politicians staged in September at an ICE facility.

Lander took the unusual step of requesting a trial over the charge, which came after he and more than a dozen other elected officials attempted to enter a building where U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has been holding detainees.

He and others in the group were arrested and accused of illegally blocking an elevator bank. But a federal magistrate judge said Wednesday that Lander was not liable over the incident following a one-day bench trial.

Lander, who ran last year for New York mayor, is now waging a heated primary challenge against Rep. Dan Goldman (D) for a deep-blue House district that includes the facility at 26 Federal Plaza.

Goldman turned his district office across the street into a "triage center" to help immigrants who are detained during ICE check-ins or asylum hearings at the immigration court in the same building.

The trial this week for the petty offense — which did not carry the threat of jail time — reflects the desire of some Democratic politicians to highlight their activism against the Trump administration.

Lander said he requested a trial rather than paying a fine in hopes of accessing additional information on ICE's activity in New York through discovery.

Democrats have at times sparred with one another over how best to confront the administration over its mass deportation agenda, but more-liberal politicians like Lander have made those aggressive enforcement tactics the focus of their campaigns. The New York primary is later this month.

"All we want at 26 Federal Plaza is for everybody facing removal proceedings by our government to have the same access to the rule of law as I had in this trial," Lander said in a statement after the ruling. "That's why I took this case to trial, and that's why, whatever happens on June 23rd, I will keep showing up to protect our immigrant neighbors and insist that the rule of law apply to everyone.

Lander had also been charged over a separate incident last June at 26 Federal Plaza, where the politician — then a mayoral candidate — was detained by federal agents as he attempted to escort a defendant from an appearance at the immigration court. Prosecutors later dropped those charges.

Prosecutors and ICE representatives did not respond to a request for comment.

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Trump sees 22 medical specialists, appearing to set new bar for presidents

White House has declined to identify which physicians assessed him

BY DAN DIAMOND AND ISAAC ARNSDORF

For George H.W. Bush's first medical checkup as president in 1989, he was seen by five specialists, the White House said at the time. His son George W. Bush was seen by 12 in his first presidential checkup, White House officials said a dozen years later.

President Donald Trump appears to have set a new bar: 22 medical specialists assessed him as part of his latest checkup, according to a medical report recently released by the White House.

That figure is nearly double the number of specialists who assessed Trump for his past medical checkups as president, according to a review of publicly available statements by Trump's doctors.

The figure also represents the most medical specialists to assess a president for a single visit, based on a review of public statements and records, prompting questions from outside physicians who said they were already skeptical of the White House's disclosures around the nearly 80-year-old Trump's health.

"It is an extraordinary number," said Jonathan Reiner, a longtime cardiologist for former vice president Dick Cheney. "What specialties do they represent? Why so many?"

White House officials said that the number was commensurate with the need to perform a "complete and preventive evaluation" of the president. Sean Barbabella, the president's physician, said the assessment found that Trump was in "excellent health."

"The involvement of multiple specialists reflects a comprehensive, multidisciplinary evaluation consistent with best practices for executive-level medical care," the White House said in a statement.

A White House official said that physicians affiliated with Harvard University, Duke University and other prominent institutions helped perform the evaluation. The official also said that some generalist physicians were included in the administration's count of 22 specialists.

"We have nothing to hide," the official said.

The White House has often declined to answer specific questions about Trump's medical assessments, such as what prompted the president to undergo a second physical exam at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center last year. Presidents usually make one annual trip unless they have an urgent condition. Nearly three months after the visit, and after initially telling reporters that he had undergone an MRI exam, Trump and the White House clarified that the president had received a CT scan as part of his assessment.

Trump's medical reports also no longer include a common hair-loss prevention drug that his physicians said he routinely used during his first term in office. White House officials have declined to comment on Trump's past use of the drug, finasteride, and whether he had stopped taking it.

The scrutiny of Trump's health comes amid broader questions about the fitness of the current president and his predecessor, Joe Biden, to serve as commander in chief. Biden, who was 82 when he left office, and Trump, who turns 80 on June 14, are the two oldest men to serve as president.

Karine Jean-Pierre, who served as Biden's press secretary, said at a February 2024 press briefing that a team of "20 doctors" participated in Biden's medical evaluation at Walter Reed that year.

Past administrations have often elected not to disclose the specific number of specialists who consult on the president's medical evaluations, which are traditionally performed at Walter Reed.

Presidents are not required to disclose their health records, although lawmakers in both parties have called for more checks on chief executives, such as creating an independent commission that could assess the president's health.

But publicly available records and statements indicate that the number of specialists reviewing presidential health appears to have ballooned.

The five specialists involved in President George H.W. Bush's checkup in May 1989 included an ophthalmologist, a urologist, a dermatologist and two allergists — White House officials said at the time. The 65-year-old Bush then saw eight specialists the following year, including a radiologist, cardiologist and rheumatologist, the White House said.

His son, President George W. Bush, saw 12 specialists for his 2001 check-up, White House officials said then.

As questions swirled about Trump's fitness during his first year in office, Ronny Jackson, who served as Trump's physician during his first term and is now a Republican member of Congress from Texas, arranged 13 specialists to see the president, he wrote in his memoir.

"I didn't do this physical by myself; I was assisted by an entire committee of top-of-the-line specialty doctors at Walter Reed, including ones who specialized in dermatology, orthopedics, gastroenterology, ophthalmology, urology, pulmonary medicine, otolaryngology, and cardiology," Jackson wrote in his book, "Holding the Line."

"The cardiologist did his heart exam. The pulmonologist did his lung exam and pulmonary function testing, the dermatologist did his skin exam, and so on."

Trump saw 11 specialists for his 2019 checkup and 14 specialists for his checkup last year, according to past medical reports released by the White House.

Pro-Palestinian activists in Mich. charged with threatening campus officials

BY KATIE METTLER AND DANIELLE DOUGLAS-GABRIEL

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Tents at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor as part of a pro-Palestinian protest. Prosecutors say the demonstrators committed vandalism and made threats.

The Justice Department has indicted eight pro-Palestinian activists who it says were responsible for orchestrating a harassment campaign against top University of Michigan officials, the Jewish Federation of Detroit and others in an effort to push the university to divest from Israel.

The defendants, all in their 20s, are accused in court documents in the Eastern District of Michigan of targeting the university president, provost, chief information officer and members of the Board of Regents, vandalizing their homes and businesses and making threats against them.

The defendants face different sets of charges, but the indictment includes counts of conspiracy to transmit a threat; conspiracy to tamper with a witness; and destruction of property to prevent seizure. Possible sentences include high fines and prison time.

The activists, upset at the U.S. role in supporting Israel in the war with Gaza, are accused of placing dismembered and bloodied baby dolls, as well as sheets folded to look like dead bodies, on the front porch of one unidentified Board of Regents member. In another incident, prosecutors say, members of the group threw paint-filled balloons at the law firm of another regent.

The group also allegedly tossed noxious chemicals through the windows of the university officials' private homes. The indictment says that two of the protesters exchanged messages discussing how an individual whose description matches the university's then-president, Santa Ono, "gotta die" and that his "entire family is now on my hit list," although there is no evidence they followed through or that anyone was physically harmed.

Attempts to contact the defendants, who live in Michigan, Wisconsin and Illinois, were unsuccessful.

A staff attorney for the Michigan office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations said the organization is not representing any of the defendants and does not condone vandalism or violence — but it does take issue with the indictment's broad references to Hamas, the Middle East and lawful protests.

"Criminal allegations should focus on alleged criminal acts, not sweep protected advocacy into a prosecutorial narrative," said Amy V. Doukoure, a staff attorney in the office. "When lawful speech, unpopular viewpoints and peaceful protest are framed alongside criminal allegations, it risks chilling constitutionally protected activism far beyond this case."

Students Allied for Freedom and Equality (SAFE) — which one of the defendants led, according to the indictment — responded to the charges by calling for a rally at the courthouse.

A University of Michigan spokesperson declined to comment, referring questions to the FBI.

"In America, we rule by law not by fear," U.S. Attorney Jerome F. Gorgon Jr. said in a statement. "These alleged threats and attempts to terrorize government officials, businesses, and the Jewish Federation are anti-American. We will counter intimidation with justice."

The indictments came amid a heated political debate over U.S. support for Israel, especially in Michigan, which is home to one of America's largest Arab and Muslim communities.

On Oct. 7, 2023, Hamas militants surged over the Israel-Gaza border and killed some 1,200 people in Israel, taking about 250 hostage. Israel responded with a blistering military attack on the enclave that has killed more than 70,000 Palestinians.

Since taking office, the Trump administration has taken a hard line against pro-Palestinian protesters on campuses, as well as against schools the administration says have been lax in disciplining them. Wednesday's federal charges amounted to an escalation of that campaign.

The University of Michigan, located in Ann Arbor, was among a wave of college campuses swept up in prolonged protests after Israel attacked Gaza. At some of the nation's most elite schools, including Columbia University, students took over campus grounds with teach-ins, encampments and demands for divestment from Israel.

While many demonstrations were largely peaceful, some turned violent as colleges tried to clear students off the grounds, leading to thousands of arrests.

In Ann Arbor, students walked out of class in protest of the war, disrupted graduation ceremonies and formed an encampment that was later dismantled by police. Some students reported a rise in antisemitic comments in classes, at protests and online, and accused the university of doing little to combat the harassment.

The indictment unsealed Wednesday contends that after the Michigan encampment was shut down, the defendants began to focus on going after individuals and businesses. "The defendants aspired to achieve the acclaim of the 1960s domestic terrorist organization 'Weather Underground,'" the document says.

In fall 2024, vandals spray-painted the homes of Ono and Erik Lundberg, the school's chief investment officer. Months later, vandals also smashed a window and spray-painted anti-Israel slogans at the home of Jordan Acker, a member of the Board of Regents who rejected calls for the university to divest its endowment holdings in companies linked to Israel.

The indictment alleges that the defendants — or some of them — were behind each of those actions. The spray-painted slogans included such phrases as "Intifada," "Free Palestine" and "Divest Now."

Prosecutors quoted messages allegedly exchanged between the defendants about their suspicions that a peer — unnamed in the indictment — had gone "full fed mode" and become a "snitch." Two defendants met with the unnamed peer to ensure they didn't talk to police, according to the indictment.

The indictment also alleged that the activists spray-painted over the surveillance cameras of the Jewish Federation of Detroit and tagged an adjacent sidewalk with anti-Israel messages; smashed the front window of a Maersk Shipping Company building; and padlocked the doors of a Rolls-Royce establishment. The latter two companies have offices in Israel, the indictment says.

The named defendants in the indictment are Zainab Aliasgar Hakim, 23; Amatullah Aliasgar Hakim, 21; Paige Elizabeth Feyock, 26; Ahmet Kerem Korkaya, 28; Jonathan Hongru Zou, 22; Alexander Matthew Sepulveda, 23; Mariam Muhammed Odeh, 24; Colin Hunter Weger, 24.

Aaron Schaffer contributed to this report.

Federal judge warns Justice Dept. not to revive $1.8 billion payout fund

Officials have stated in comments and filings that the proposal is dead

BY SALVADOR RIZZO

A federal judge in D.C. on Wednesday declined to bar the Trump administration from pursuing its $1.8 billion payout fund for those who claim they were improperly investigated by the government, saying top Justice Department officials have stated in public comments and court filings that the fund is dead.

But even as he denied the request for a temporary restraining order, U.S. District Judge Richard J. Leon warned the Justice Department not to revive the fund.

"Don't play possum with this court," Leon said at a hearing in D.C. federal court.

Leon said he would rule at a later date on a request for a preliminary injunction in the same case, which was filed by the group Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW).

But the judge said the case appeared to be moot because acting attorney general Todd Blanche testified to Congress last week that the plans for the $1.8 billion fund had been scrapped, and Justice Department officials then repeated that in court filings.

Plans for the "Anti-Weaponization Fund" generated bipartisan backlash in Congress and at least five federal lawsuits after Blanche announced it last month. It proved to be short-lived.

At a congressional hearing last week, Blanche said the fund would not be established.

That change of position came after another federal judge, Leonie M. Brinkema, ordered Trump administration officials not to proceed with the fund until at least Friday, when she is scheduled to hold a hearing in Alexandria, Virginia, federal court.

Republicans, who control the Senate, had also expressed misgivings about potentially using taxpayer dollars to enrich the Jan. 6, 2021, rioters who received pardons from President Donald Trump or had their sentences commuted.

CREW attorney Nikhel Sus argued at Wednesday's hearing that Blanche's statements and the Justice Department's court filings could be temporary and unreliable. The Justice Department has not rescinded Blanche's May 18 memo establishing the fund, Sus said, and Trump in public comments declined to echo Blanche's statements that the plans had been scrapped.

Plaintiffs in the Virginia case made similar arguments in a court filing in that matter Wednesday, urging Brinkema to not just take the department at its word.

Leon said Trump could be making statements for a political benefit. But Justice Department lawyers, he added, could face judicial sanctions for making misrepresentations in court filings.

"The fact of the matter is, no members have been appointed to the fund … [and] no money has been transferred," Andrew Block, a Justice Department lawyer, argued at the hearing Wednesday. CREW did not have legal standing to sue because the case was moot and their injuries were all speculative, he said.

Block added that he and Associate Attorney General Stanley Woodward, the No. 3 official in the department, had both signed their names to court filings saying the fund was dead.

"Our briefs are assurances in writing," he said. "And those submissions are court documents."

Trump this week formally nominated Blanche for a full term as attorney general. Questions about his role in the creation of the fund are likely to come up in what is expected to be a contentious and uncertain confirmation battle in the Senate.

Jeremy Roebuck contributed to this report.

Midlife now seen as a critical window when the brain is especially vulnerable

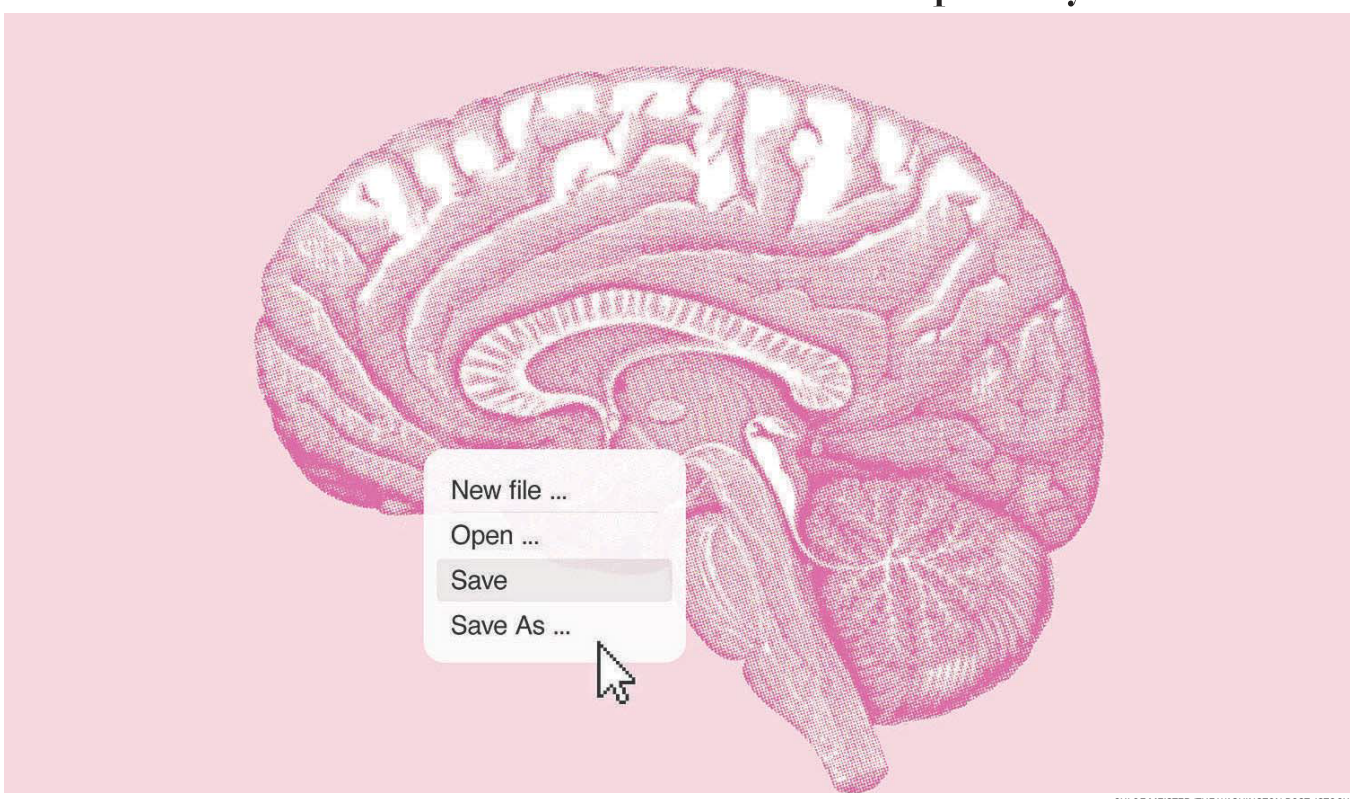
BRAIN FROM **A1**

active during midlife had a 40 to 45 percent lower risk of dementia later in life. A meta-analysis of more than 3 million people published in April in PLOS One found that the greatest reductions in dementia risk came from how people behaved in midlife and were associated with seven to eight hours of sleep, at least 150 minutes of aerobic activity a week, and fewer than eight sedentary hours a day.

Taken together, the findings suggest a new pathway for addressing a growing societal problem. More than 57 million people worldwide are living with dementia, and researchers predict that number will nearly triple to more than 150 million by 2050, according to estimates published in the Lancet. Scientists now estimate that roughly 45 percent of cases could potentially be delayed or prevented through changes to modifiable risk factors.

"The younger you are, the greater the bang for the buck in terms of these behaviors and lowering your risk," said Akinkunle Oye-Somefun, a research associate at York University in Toronto and a co-author of the PLOS One study.

Researchers stress, however, that the message is not that prevention ends after people turn 70. While the evidence suggests the greatest benefits may come from changes made in midlife, studies also indicate that exercise, sleep, social engagement and other healthy habits can help support brain health well into a person's 70s and 80s.



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The implications are profound: The ordinary habits of middle age may matter far more than scientists once realized, and cognitive decline may not be inevitable.

Brain changes in midlife

For much of the 20th century, scientists thought brain development followed a relatively fixed arc: rapid growth in childhood, stability in adulthood and gradual decline with age. The adult brain was seen as largely static, with limited ability to reorganize itself later in life.

But in a 2024 Stanford University study, researchers found large shifts in proteins linked to metabolism, immune function and cardiovascular health clustered around the mid-40s and early 60s. Because these systems help regulate blood flow, inflammation and energy supply to the brain, changes in them can also influence cognitive function and overall brain health as people age. In November, a different research team found four pivot points in brain changes including at ages 32 and 66.

That means the last big bursts of brain growth may end as middle age closes, researchers say, and that habits like poor sleep, inactivity and chronic stress may already be taking a toll.

Ahmad Hariri, a professor of psychology and neuroscience at Duke University, said that idea really hit home in the past year with the "overwhelmingly disappointing" results of several treatments for Alzheimer's in older adults, including GLP-1s and some drugs targeting the amyloids, or plaques, that accumulate in the brain.

"It seems if you wait until later life to intervene it's too late, the damage that has been done is really irreversible," he said. "That kind of naturally shifts the timeline back to midlife."

Hariri believes future brain scans and blood tests will identify people whose brains are aging unusually quickly. The goal, he said, is not simply to predict decline but to change course while there is still time.

For example, if someone who is 54 — Hariri's age — learns their brain is aging faster than most people their age, it could serve as a powerful wake-up call, he said.

"By sharing with people that their biological aging is in the 80th or 90th percentile," he said, "that could then be a strong motivation for that patient to dig in and commit to these lifestyle changes."

The big three: Diet, exercise, sleep

So what could a prescription for healthier brain aging look like? Three factors — diet, exercise and sleep — have arguably drawn the most attention in recent years.

Last year, a 30-year-study involving 100,000 people found that adults who stick to diets rich in plant-based foods and eat fewer ultra-processed foods during their 40s, 50s, and 60s not only have a higher likelihood of reaching their 70th birthday free of major chronic disease — but also still performing normally on cognitive tests and without depression.

Exercise, brain-imaging research suggests, may help preserve regions involved in memory and executive function, slowing some forms of age-related shrinkage. Increasingly, scientists describe exercise not simply as healthy behavior, but as a form of neurological maintenance.

Scientists believe sleep in midlife may shape how effectively the brain clears away waste proteins associated with Alzheimer's disease. During deep sleep, the brain undergoes a kind of nightly cleaning process. Chronic sleep disruption, researchers suspect, may impair that process years before cognitive symptoms emerge.

Yet those physical factors are only only part of the equation.

Challenge and novelty

Scientists increasingly believe the brain flourishes when it is pushed to learn, adapt and explore new experiences. The finding aligns with the theory of cognitive reserve — the idea that mental stimulation helps the brain build resilience against age-related decline by strengthening alternative neural connections.

Learning a language, mastering an instrument or taking up an unfamiliar hobby — especially one that's creative — may help build resilience over decades. In fact, a study published in the March issue of Neurology found people who had the highest levels of what researchers called "cognitive enrichment" — engaging in activities like reading and writing or visiting museums — developed Alzheimer's five years later than those with lower scores.

This means the brain may also be less resilient when people age alone. Conversations, friendships and group activities place constant demands on memory, attention, emotional processing and language — a kind of full-brain exercise that cannot happen in isolation.

Perhaps most encouraging, many of the factors linked to dementia can be lessened. A landmark 2024 report by the Lancet Commission, a major international panel of scientists and public health experts that reviewed evidence on dementia prevention, treatment and care, identified 14 modifiable risk factors across a person's life and highlighted 10 as important to midlife.

Some factors pose a larger risk than others. The Lancet Commission estimated that high LDL cholesterol and hearing loss — which forces the brain to work harder to decode sound, and can lead to social withdrawal and isolation — each account for roughly 7 percent of dementia cases worldwide, while depression and traumatic brain injury each account for about 3 percent. Physical inactivity, diabetes, smoking and hypertension were each linked to about 2 percent of cases, with obesity and excessive alcohol use contributing an estimated 1 percent.

A scientist's own risk

Kivipelto first became interested in dementia research after watching her grandmother experience it. As a teenager, she noticed her grandmother — who lived with the family — had begun hiding objects and forgetting things.

When Kivipelto entered the field about 30 years ago, she said, few researchers believed health factors elsewhere in the body could influence dementia risk. One of her earliest papers, published in 2001 in the BMJ, formerly the British Medical Journal, linked high blood pressure and cholesterol to Alzheimer's risk later in life. Multiple journals initially rejected it.

"There was a lot of skepticism at that time," she said. But she was right.

Kivipelto became widely known for leading the Finnish Geriatric Intervention Study to Prevent Cognitive Impairment and Disability, or FINGER trial. It was one of the first large studies to show that a combination of exercise, healthier diet, cognitive training and cardiovascular monitoring could help preserve cognitive function in older adults at elevated risk for dementia.

Now, she tries to apply the research to her own life. She stays physically active with her two teenage sons, 16 and 14: The family often plays tennis together. She travels frequently to medical conferences, which she said provides social stimulation and connection.

But she admits there are areas where she could improve.

"To be honest sleep and relaxation may not be as good always with the traveling," adding that when it comes to sleeping — a recent study found 6.4 to 7.8 hours of sleep a night may be the sweet spot — "That part I should improve."

Another goal is learning something entirely new — possibly scuba diving, which the rest of her family has already done.

"I want to start a new hobby but it's not easy to do," she said. "Sometimes when you are 50-plus it's easy to get stuck doing old things."

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Trillionaire status hinges on lofty goals

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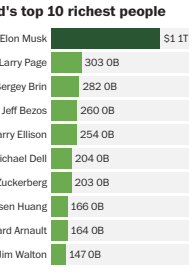
his Tesla and SpaceX stock holdings are more than 10 times the net worth of Bill Gates, the Microsoft co-founder, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index.

Musk is now worth about as much as the world's next four richest people combined: Google founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin; Jeff Bezos, Amazon's founder and executive chairman who also owns The Post; and Larry Ellison, founder of business software titan Oracle.

SpaceX disclosed substantial losses in the run-up to the IPO, including $13 billion since the beginning of 2023, primarily driven by artificial intelligence bets. Most of Musk's compensation from his companies do not derive from a traditional salary. Instead, he is paid through stock packages tied to ambitious goals, such as delivering 1 million humanoid robots at Tesla, that can far surpass what comparable executives make.

SpaceX's stock will be available Friday for members of the public to freely buy and sell. If SpaceX's stock price goes up to $140 on Friday, Musk will be a paper trillionaire even excluding the stock tied to Mars and space data centers.

World's top 10 richest people



Musk data as of June 11, all others as of June 10

Source: Musk ca culation is based off of h s stock ho dings in Tesla and SpaceX nclud ng the SpaceX PO sale A l other data is from the Bloomberg Bill onaires Index

GOP lawmakers move on official renaming to Department of War

Change is included in policy bills but still faces hurdles

BY NOAH ROBERTSON

Congressional Republicans are backing the Trump administration's effort to rebrand the Defense Department as the Department of War, inserting language into must-pass legislation that would make the name change official.

The House and Senate armed services committees included the measure in their versions of the National Defense Authorization Act, the defense policy bill that authorizes $1.15 trillion in military spending.

Both panels advanced their drafts of the legislation over the last week, despite losing far more Democratic support than usual in the normally bipartisan process. Neither draft has yet passed the full House or Senate, and the two versions will need to be reconciled before final votes, expected later this year.

Still, the support of the GOP-led committees is the closest that the rebrand has come to being enshrined in law nearly a year after President Donald Trump ordered the change.

The Pentagon has reworked signs, email signatures and social media branding to align with the new label, which is being used as a "secondary title" in official correspondence. Fully renaming the agency would require the approval of Congress.

George Washington established the nation's military as a department of war during his presidency in 1789. Congress created the modern Department of Defense following World War II in 1949.

Republicans who support the change have asserted that the title better represents the agency's mission and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth's call to foster the military's "warrior ethos."

"Restoring the name 'Department of War,' sends an unmistakable signal to the world," said Rep. Ronny Jackson (R-Texas), who led the House's push to add the name change to the bill during the committee's marathon voting session last week. "Potential adversaries like China, Russia, North Korea and Iran evaluate American resolve through both our capabilities and our messaging."

Democrats have instead argued that the rebrand is a wasteful aesthetic shift.

"I really think this is one of the dumbest things that has been done by this administration," said Rep. Adam Smith (Washington), the House Armed Services Committee's top Democrat. "Practically speaking it makes no freaking difference whatsoever."

Sen. Tim Kaine (D-Virginia), who for the first time ever voted against the defense bill this week, warned that U.S. adversaries would use the name change to frame the Pentagon as destabilizing and conflict-prone.

"I think it's a desire to appeal to an adolescent fantasy of this president," Kaine told reporters Thursday.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office has estimated the rebrand could cost anywhere from $10 million to $125 million depending on the extent of Pentagon's effort.

In a separate show of bipartisan pushback, the Republican-led House and Senate committees also moved to reverse Hegseth's decision to rename Army bases across the South that had previously honored Confederate military figures.

Overriding Trump's first-term veto, Congress ordered that the original Confederate names be removed in 2020. They were later redesignated to honor prominent military figures, including women, minorities and military families, before Hegseth reversed the process last year.

To do so, the Trump administration found a work-around that skirted the congressional ban on honoring Confederates in the military. Fort Bragg in Fayetteville, North Carolina, for example, now is named after World War II hero Roland Bragg rather than Confederate General Braxton Bragg.

The House bill would restore all of the post-2020 names, whereas the Senate's version would do so only for three bases in Virginia.

Both chambers of Congress sought to block Hegseth's move last year, but the effort failed after Trump again threatened to veto the bill.

THE WORLD

PHOTOS BY REDWINGS HORSE SANCTUARY

A donkey from the Redwings Horse Sanctuary grabs a banana from an Arsenal Football Club sock. The 40 pairs of Adidas socks — most of which Arsenal sent in April — were the sanctuary's first socks donation.

Donated socks from a pro soccer team are helping rescued donkeys and horses heal from injuries

BY KYLE MELNICK

The red-and-white socks were designed for professional soccer players to perform at the highest level of the sport. The fabric helps prevent slipping, makes sweat evaporate quickly and provides special cushioning to limit cramping.

But one of the world's best soccer clubs had dozens of unused socks piling up. Instead of collecting dust in a team closet, the socks are now getting a new life protecting rescued donkeys and horses, and helping them heal from injuries.

Employees at the Redwings Horse Sanctuary, which calls itself the largest horse welfare charity in Britain, were shocked when they received an email this year from the Arsenal Football Club, a perennial contender in the English Premier League, one of the world's most-watched sports leagues. The soccer team offered to donate its old socks to the roughly 1,000 equines living at the English sanctuary.

"It's really one of the most unusual donations we've ever had," said Nicola Knight, the sanctuary's head of communications and campaigns.

While they probably don't appreciate the socks' performance-enhancing designs, donkeys and horses are using them to protect their legs from flies, hold their bandages and keep their thick leg hairs in place when they're getting their hooves trimmed. Sanctuary employees have also hidden bananas and ginger biscuits in the socks to give equines fun enrichment activities.

Donkeys from the Redwings Horse Sanctuary pose with Arsenal Football Club's red socks.

Arsenal's socks help keep horses' thick leg hairs in place during hoof rasping. Most of the donkeys have taken to the socks.

"We hope they're going to make a real difference," Knight said of the socks.

The sanctuary has tried other socks to protect donkeys from fly bites and cover horses' bandages, but they did not work as well, with most sliding off or not protecting their legs adequately. The new socks have already reduced visits to the veterinarian for treatment, Knight said. Fly bites can cause skin irritation, open sores and infections in donkeys.

Before using the donated socks, employees had cut off the bottom portion of other socks to prevent them from covering equines' hoofs. Arsenal's socks are footless to allow players to wear specialized grip socks on their feet. That design makes sliding them onto donkey's and horse's legs easier and holds them in place.

Typically, the sanctuary gets donations of snacks — carrots, apples and ginger biscuits — and other useful items, like buckets and brushes. The 40 pairs of Adidas socks — most of which Arsenal sent in April — were the sanctuary's first socks donation.

Arsenal did not respond to requests for comment from The Washington Post, but Michael Lloyd, the club's operational sustainability manager, said in a statement: "We're always looking for ways to reduce waste and make a positive impact."

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A 16-year-old donkey named Woolfie, for example, is patient when his caretakers pull on the socks. He's used to such interactions, as he came to the sanctuary in 2013 after English wildlife officials received reports of a donkey with overgrown hooves.

A few others have resisted the socks, though, including Dave the Donkey, 5, who is known for being mischievous and uncooperative. Word is that perhaps Dave doesn't appreciate the red and white socks, as he could be a fan of Arsenal's rival, Tottenham Hotspur.

Knight said she hopes the attention the donkeys' new style has garnered will prompt more donations to the sanctuary, which has visiting centers in Essex and Norfolk. Some horses and donkeys get adopted, but others remain at the sanctuary the rest of their lives.

Knight, a die-hard fan of Arsenal's Premier League foe, the Ipswich Town Football Club, said she's holding out hope for socks from her favorite team.

"We've got 1,000 horses and donkeys," she said. "So, you know, we could take some more socks for sure."

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MEXICO

Journalist shot and killed in Veracruz

Gunmen shot and killed a journalist Thursday in Mexico's eastern state of Veracruz, authorities said. It was the country's second killing of a media worker this year — both of them in Veracruz, known as exceptionally dangerous for journalists.

The Veracruz prosecutor's office confirmed the killing, while the State Commission for the Attention and Protection of Journalists identified the victim as Luis Ángel López Valdez. He was the director of a local media outlet and a reporter for the Vanguardia de Veracruz newspaper.

According to Vanguardia, López Valdez was walking along a street in the city of Poza Rica when he was intercepted by gunmen who shot him at close range before fleeing. He specialized in police and security reporting.

A reporter who worked with López Valdez and spoke on the condition of anonymity for safety reasons told the Associated Press that the journalist was under state protection measures. The AP asked the state commission to confirm this detail, but did not receive an immediate response.

In addition to his journalism work, López Valdez served as a deputy delegate for the relief organization Cruz Ámbar.

So far, authorities have not reported any arrests or a possible motive for the attack, though the prosecutor's office indicated that one line of investigation links the killing to his journalistic work.

— Associated Press

CUBA

U.S. sanctions Cuban fuel company

The U.S. government on Thursday announced sanctions against Cuba's state-owned oil and gas company in a move expected to increase tensions between the two countries.

U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio asserted that key assets of the company, known as Cupet, were "unlawfully expropriated from American owners years ago."

He also accused Cuba's government of weaponizing energy.

He further noted, without providing evidence, that Cuban officials "resell countless barrels of scarce energy on the secondary market, hoarding energy supplies for its military, intelligence and repressive forces, and rationing energy as a tool of social control."

The Cuban government did not immediately respond to a message seeking comment. It has previously said that sanctions punish all Cubans and are aimed at strangling the economy to destabilize both the government and its people.

Cupet's fuel sales to the public are almost nonexistent and are currently rationed.

— Associated Press

TORONTO

Toronto officer killed near U.S. Consulate

A Toronto police officer was shot and killed Thursday by a suspect in the investigation into a shooting attack that damaged the facade of the U.S. Consulate in the Canadian city in March, police said.

One 19-year-old suspect was in custody at a hospital in critical condition while officers searched for a second suspect, who was identified as 19-year-old Zara Jabbi and was considered armed and dangerous, Toronto Police Chief Myron Demkiw said at a news conference. "I urge you to turn yourself in," Demkiw said.

Police officer Marc Pinizotto, who was 43 and had been on the force for 18 years, died of his wounds in a hospital, Demkiw said.

Canadian police had said in March that two individuals emerged from a white Honda RV SUV at around 4:30 a.m. and fired multiple shots at the consulate building before fleeing.

The shooting damaged the outside of the building but did not cause any injuries.

The consulate attack in March followed heightened tensions over the war launched by the U.S. and Israel against Iran in late February, and it had followed gunfire attacks on two Toronto-area synagogues the previous weekend.

The investigation that led to Pinizotto's death "concerned a number of shootings, including the shooting at the United States consulate on University Avenue. There were several search warrants executed this morning," Demkiw said.

Toronto Mayor Olivia Chow said she's known the mother of the deceased officer for the 20 years.

The officer was shot in the early morning in an apartment unit, said Monica Hudon of Ontario's Special Investigations Unit. The suspect shot first, Hudon said.

— Associated Press

Iran war the worst shock to global economy since covid, World Bank says

BY DAVID J. LYNCH

The global economy — tested by years of war, pandemic and trade tension — is beginning to fray, as fallout from the U.S.-led war on Iran dents prospects for growth, the World Bank said in a new forecast.

World output this year is expected to grow at an annual rate of just 2.5 percent, down from 2.9 percent in each of the past two years, and the slowest pace since the onset of the covid pandemic in 2020, the bank's top economists said.

Soaring costs for oil, gas, fertilizers and industrial chemicals caused by the prolonged near closure of the Strait of Hormuz, which the bank calls "the biggest supply shock in 50 years," is straining developing and advanced economies alike.

"The global economy is not falling off of a cliff, but it has downshifted sharply and many developing economies are entering this shock with thinner buffers and fewer shock absorbers," said Ayhan Kose, the World Bank's deputy chief economist.

The new forecast is gloomier than the bank's January outlook, which saw the global economy largely weathering an era of trade uncertainty arising from President Donald Trump's tariffs.

Bank specialists cut their January forecasts for two-thirds of the world's nations, with Turkey, Bangladesh and South Africa suffering notable downward revisions.

Nations adjoining the Persian Gulf war zone are expected to be hit hardest: Kuwait, Iraq and Qatar will see "near zero" growth in 2026, Kose said. The United Arab Emirates is projected to grow at a 2.4 percent rate this year, less than half the pace the bank expected before the war.

The 2020s appear almost certain to become a "lost decade" for dozens of developing nations that have made no progress closing the income gap with the advanced economies, the bank's Global Economic Prospects report said.

The United States — fueled by mammoth investments in artificial intelligence — remains a relative bright spot, expected to grow at a 2.2 percent annual rate, up slightly from last year's pace, and much faster than Europe and Japan. U.S. investments in AI-related infrastructure exceed such spending by all other nations combined, the bank said.

China is set to grow at a 4.2 percent rate, down from 5 percent last year and 0.2 percentage points below the bank's January outlook.

The war-related shock is occurring against a downbeat long-run backdrop. Global growth has softened steadily since the early 21st century, sapped by the impact of aging populations, declining private investment, trade tensions and rising public debt, said Indermit Gill, the bank's chief economist.

"The world economy is a lot less resilient today," Gill said.

The bank's new forecast assumes that Middle East energy and commodities trade will return to normal by the end of July and that Brent crude, the global benchmark, will average $94 per barrel this year.

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Ayhan Kose, deputy chief economist for the World Bank

But with the U.S. and Iran continuing to trade blows, despite a nominal ceasefire, bank officials noted the risk of further economic erosion.

If the war continues beyond July, oil prices will average $115 for the year, driving global growth to an anemic 2.1 percent rate, the bank said.

An energy shock that drives down stock and bond prices would take an even larger toll on the global economy. Growth in that case would struggle to reach a 1.3 percent rate.

Public debt burdens are another worry. With annual budgets already deep in the red, the U.S. and other major nations would have limited ability to increase public spending in response to an economic crisis, as they did during the pandemic and the 2008 financial crisis, the bank warned.

For now, the global lending body is making available at least $50 billion in financing to buttress social programs in developing nations hurt by the slowdown. If the crisis persists, the bank said, it is prepared to roughly double that figure over a 15-month period.

"Our job is to help countries steady the ship, keep reforms moving, and emerge stronger on the other side," said Ajay Banga, the bank's president.

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Workers at a market for oil on March 17 in Irbil, Iraq. Drone attacks in the region have forced some oil refineries to stop operating.

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A farmer measures fertilizer in an apple orchard in Srinagar, India, on May 23. The Iran war has disrupted global trade in fertilizer, oil and a number of other essential goods.

Agreement to end hostilities expected 'maybe this weekend,' president says

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offer further details about the potential agreement. The president has asserted for weeks that a deal is close, even as he has issued new threats to attack Iran.

Trump had earlier Thursday announced another round of planned retaliatory strikes after Iran launched waves of attacks against U.S. bases across the Middle East.

U.S. forces will hit Iran "VERY HARD TONIGHT," Trump had posted on Truth Social, raising fears that the escalating exchange would renew combat in the region. He also said the U.S. would seek to control the country's oil and gas facilities, without offering specifics of how that might be carried out.

"At some point in the not too distant future, we will be taking Kharg Island, and other oil infrastructure points, and assume total control of their Oil and Gas Markets, much like we have with Venezuela," Trump wrote.

The president later wrote on the platform that "discussions and final points" with Iran had "been brought to the highest level of Iranian leadership and approved," and he called off the attack.

Asked in the Oval Office whether the deal was a final agreement, Trump said that it was "a very strong memorandum of understanding that is a little conceptual" and that its provisions were supported by other nations.

An Iranian official briefed on the talks, speaking on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly, said he was unaware of any official confirmation of acceptance from the Iranian side but viewed Trump's announcement as a sign that there could be "good ground for a deal."

Kharg Island, about 15 miles from the Iranian mainland in the Persian Gulf, is the centerpiece of Iran's oil-based economy, with about 90 percent of the country's oil exports moving through there. In March, the U.S. struck military targets on the site, but Iranian officials said the oil industry remained in operation. It has previously been the subject of speculation about a potential ground invasion, which could provide control over a critical Iranian asset but leave U.S. troops vulnerable to attack, The Washington Post reported.

Shortly after his post on social media, Trump told Fox News that his "preference" has always been to take Kharg Island but that he was unsure if "America has the stomach for it."

"You'd make a fortune, but I don't know that America has the stomach, I think they'd like to see us come home," he said, in an apparent acknowledgment of the deep unpopularity of a war that has led to a spike in energy prices around the world.

The president's reversal Thursday again jolted markets. Oil futures dropped 3 to 4 percent after his post calling off the planned strikes. Later in the afternoon, prices rose, then fell again after Trump said the countries were on the verge of signing an agreement.

The president's comments came after a new round of bombing ratcheted up what was already the hottest week of combat operations since the U.S. and Iran agreed to a tentative ceasefire in April, and raised further questions about Trump's repeated assertions that an overarching deal to end the war is close at hand.

An escalatory spiral started over the weekend after Israel carried out an airstrike Sunday in southern Beirut, targeting the Iran-backed militant group Hezbollah. That was followed by the first direct attacks between Iran and Israel since April, with the two nations trading volleys of missiles until Trump demanded a halt. But after Iran downed a U.S. Army Apache helicopter in the Strait of Hormuz on Monday, the president quickly ordered retaliatory strikes, further imperiling the ceasefire and the start-and-stop negotiations.

Trump on Wednesday voiced frustration over the inability to clinch a deal. "Iran is all talk and no action," he posted on social media. "They've taken too long to negotiate a deal that would have been great for them, now they will have to pay the price!!!"

Later that day, U.S. Central Command said it hit communication systems and air defense sites across Iran. "The strikes are in response to Iran's unwarranted and continued aggression. U.S. forces remain vigilant, lethal, and ready," it said.

Iran's Thursday attacks targeted five sites in Kuwait, Bahrain and Jordan, according to Iranian state media: the Ali Al Salem and Ahmad Al-Jaber air bases in Kuwait, the U.S. Fifth Fleet headquarters and Sheikh Isa Air Base in Bahrain, and the Mowafq Al-Salti base in Jordan.

Iran's Foreign Ministry said that the U.S. strikes have rendered the April ceasefire effectively "meaningless" and that it remains determined to target the source of the attacks.

The U.S. military did not immediately confirm the attacks on its assets in the region Thursday, but the U.S. Embassy in Jordan issued a security alert based on reports of missiles, rockets and drones in Jordanian airspace.

Jordan's armed forces intercepted 20 missiles launched from Iran, the country's news agency reported Thursday. Authorities in Kuwait temporarily closed its airspace and said air defense systems were working to intercept hostile targets. Bahrain's Defense Ministry said it intercepted missile and drone attacks, and its Interior Ministry urged citizens to take shelter, saying an 11-year-old girl was injured by falling debris from drone interceptions.

The office of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Thursday issued a statement noting that while Israel is not a party to the proposed memorandum of understanding, Netanyahu welcomed "President Trump's commitment that the final agreement at the conclusion of the negotiations will include the removal of enriched material, the dismantling of enrichment infrastructure, the limitation of missile production, and the cessation of Iran's support for its terrorist proxies in the region."

The fresh wave of fighting this week has raised fears of a return to widespread regional war, with world leaders calling for the increasingly strained ceasefire — technically still in effect — to be heeded.

U.N. Secretary General António Guterres said the consequences of further deterioration go far beyond the Middle East and called for a diplomatic settlement. "The ceasefire is more like a lesser-fire. We should not minimize the risks of lesser fire becoming full fire," he said. "No more attacks. No more excuses," he said.

Qatar's Foreign Ministry condemned the "resurgence" of Iranian strikes in a statement Thursday, calling for the region to be spared the "consequences of these unjustified attacks" and for stability to be restored.

In a sign of the war's widening regional implications, Centcom said Thursday that it had fired missiles into the Jalveer tanker in the Gulf of Oman — the third commercial ship to be "disabled" by U.S. forces this week. The U.S. military had also struck the Palau-flagged vessels Settebello and Marivex, Centcom said, accusing them of violating a U.S. blockade of Iranian ports that has been in effect since April.

India's shipping minister, Sarbananda Sonowal, said three Indian nationals were killed on the Settebello in an incident he described as "deeply unfortunate" in a post on X. "This is a profound loss to our maritime family," he said.

Randhir Jaiswal, a spokesman for India's External Affairs Ministry, said the government had summoned the U.S. chargé d'affaires over the Settebello incident and called for a diplomatic end to the conflict and restoration of stability. "The continuing attacks on shipping in the region are deeply worrisome and are a direct result of the ongoing conflict in the region," he said in a Thursday news conference.

The recent escalations threaten to upend lengthy negotiations between the U.S. and Iran to secure a lasting peace deal, which Trump said this week were in the "final throes."

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, speaking at U.S. Central Command headquarters on Wednesday afternoon, said U.S. strikes would "enhance our military interests and also enhance our diplomatic position" against Tehran. "If we need to negotiate with bombs, we'll negotiate with bombs. And we're very good at it," he said.

The impact of Iran's strikes on U.S. military targets Thursday remained unclear. A U.S. official said Iran's assault a day earlier caused no significant damage or harm to U.S. personnel. Nearly all missiles and drones were intercepted or failed to reach their intended targets, the official said, speaking on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to press.

Iranian state media reported Wednesday that two desalination plants and a water tank serving the southern city of Sirik were destroyed during the U.S. attack, leaving 20,000 people without access to water during extreme heat. The strike has not been confirmed by U.S. authorities, but a legal expert said it raises questions about whether targeting civilian facilities is a military objective.

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Ships in the Strait of Hormuz in April. The president has asserted for weeks that a deal is close, even as he has issued new threats to attack.

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‘King of the North’ seeks a path to becoming Britain’s next prime minister

BY JILL LAWLESS
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ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD, England — About 75,000 voters in a pocket of northwest England are about to make a momentous decision: They will cast ballots in a contest that may well pick Britain’s next prime minister, or plunge the country’s febrile politics into even more turmoil. Or possibly both.

Some of them aren’t too enthusiastic.

“I think they’re all a waste of time,” said Shirley Prior on the choice of candidates in Makerfield, where a special election on June 18 has drawn interest from journalists around the world. That level of attention is all but unheard-of for a midterm by-election to fill one of the 650 seats in the House of Commons.

If Andy Burnham from the center-left Labour Party wins, there’s a strong chance he will replace embattled Prime Minister Keir Starmer as leader of both party and country. He’s up against Reform UK, a hard-right party hoping to prove that this longtime Labour stronghold is fertile ground for its anti-immigration message, with potentially seismic consequences for British democracy.

This district has elected Labour lawmakers for 120 years, but Burnham is not a shoo-in. Reform, led by the veteran anti-immigration politician Nigel Farage, won 24 of the 25 council seats up for grabs in local elections in this area last month.

“I always voted Labour because my dad, my granddad, everybody voted Labour then,” Prior said. “I’ve never done that for a lot — *a lot* — of years.”

The election is taking place amid heightened tensions over immigration. A stabbing in Belfast this week, for which a Sudanese man has been charged with attempted murder, triggered violent protests in Northern Ireland in which cars and houses were torched.

In the constituency’s main town of Ashton-in-Makerfield, 200 miles northwest of London, some voters echo Reform claims that recent arrivals are straining housing and public services.

“Immigration’s too high. All the services are being put under pressure, and Labour just keep inviting more and more people into the country, and it’s the taxpayer who has to pay for them,” said retiree Phil Arrowsmith.

Annual net migration to Britain reached more than 900,000 in 2023, under the previous Conservative government, before falling to 171,000 last year.

That decline has done little to boost a Labour government that has floundered since winning election in July 2024.

Starmer has struggled to deliver promised economic growth, repair tattered public services and ease the cost of living, and has been hamstrung by repeated missteps, including his decision to appoint Peter Mandelson, a scandal-tarnished friend of Jeffrey Epstein, as Britain’s ambassador to Washington.

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Andy Burnham during a campaign stop Ashton-in-Makerfield, England, on Tuesday.

A dismal performance in local elections last month sparked a clamor from Labour lawmakers for Starmer’s resignation. He has refused, but cabinet minister Wes Streeting quit in order to run in a leadership contest that could come soon.

Burnham, the popular mayor of Greater Manchester, also harbors leadership ambitions but needs a seat in Parliament if he wants to challenge Starmer. An opening emerged when Josh Simons, the Labour lawmaker for Makerfield, stepped down to trigger a special election.

Burnham said he understands that voters are “fed up” and calls the large Reform vote “a cry for real change” that Labour must heed.

The Makerfield constituency is a capsule of British history, a collection of former coal-mining communities turned commuter suburbs. The slag heaps and slum housing in the area described by George Orwell in his 1937 book “The Road to Wigan Pier” have been replaced by suburbs of tidy modern houses amid Victorian workers’ cottages, interspersed with farmers’ fields.

Though far from the city center, it is part of Greater Manchester, and Burnham gets honks and thumbs-ups from passing drivers as he walks down the street in his smart-casual uniform of dark jeans with a navy-blue shirt and jacket.

The 56-year-old has been mayor of the region of 3 million people since 2017, a period that has seen central Manchester boom, with skyscrapers blooming on postindustrial sites. Many residents praise him for championing the city and for taking a piecemeal public transport system under municipal control as the Bee Network.

For a decade and a half before that, he was a lawmaker in Parliament and a minister in Labour governments. But he doesn’t emphasize that part of his CV, preferring the outsider status that has seen him nicknamed the King of the North.

“What we’ve built in Greater Manchester needs to go national,” Burnham told reporters during a campaign event this week. “I know what it is to turn places around.”

The campaign is an odd mix of the local and the international. Some voters cite immigration as a top concern. Others mention struggling main street shops, potholes and petty crime.

Burnham’s main rival is Reform candidate Rob Kenyon, a 41-year-old plumber and local councillor who came second to Labour here in the 2024 national election. He says he’s an unpolished, regular bloke — though opponents have criticized him for making crude, sexist and anti-vaccine comments on social media.

Reform voters are also being targeted by Restore, an even more hard-line anti-immigration party.

Michael Poultney, a retired teacher and Labour supporter, thinks the unpopularity of Starmer’s government means Burnham faces a stiff challenge.

“Without his personal vote, I think we would struggle,” he said. “Keir Starmer has done reasonably well on the international stage, but the government are yet to be in control of the economy.”

Burnham insists he is running for the people of Makerfield, not his own ambition, and that he is not taking victory for granted.

“I am making no assumptions beyond the 18th of June,” Burnham said. But he stressed that “this is a change by-election.”

“I will take the fight for the changes I want to see in politics as far as I can take it,” he said.

Pope slams world’s indifference to migrants in speech from ‘dock of shame’

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ARGUINEGUÍN, Spain — Pope Leo XIV traveled to a once-notorious epicenter of the European migration debate on Thursday, challenging countries to uphold migrants’ rights while shaming those leaders, including Christians, who turn them away with indifference.

Leo issued an impassioned plea to recognize the dignity of migrants from the port of Arguineguín in the Canary Islands. In 2020, the port was dubbed the “dock of shame” because of the squalid conditions migrants were forced to live in for months during a spike in arrivals.

“Human dignity has no passport and does not lose its value when crossing a border,” Leo said, with rescue ships docked behind him and a simple wooden cross made from a shipwrecked migrant boat nearby.

Leo is spending the final two days of his week-long trip to Spain in the Canary Islands, a Spanish archipelago closer to Africa than the Iberian Peninsula and a key point of entry for migrants who make the perilous Atlantic crossing from West Africa.

He is fulfilling a wish of Pope Francis to visit the islands to commemorate the thousands of lives lost at sea.

With two migrants standing by him, Leo threw a bouquet of flowers into the sea. The gesture recalled one Francis made in 2013, at the start of his pontificate, when he visited another migration flash point — Lampedusa, in Sicily — and denounced the “globalization of indifference” that the world showed migrants.

The Canary Islands have long been a stepping stone for migrants trying to reach Europe from West Africa and Morocco. Some experts consider the Atlantic route they take to get here more deadly than the more well-known Mediterranean smuggling route from Libya and Tunisia to Italy.

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Pope Leo XIV waves to a crowd before Mass in Las Palmas in the Canary Islands, a Spanish archipelago off the western coast of Africa that historically has drawn thousands of migrants each year.

Migrant arrivals in the Canary Islands peaked in 2024 at nearly 47,000. Following pressure and deals between the European Union, Spain and the governments of several West African nations, arrivals have fallen dramatically, with just over 3,000 people landing there in the first five months of 2026.

Upon his arrival, Leo went straight to the port in Arguineguín, where in 2020 arrivals reached such numbers that migrants were forced to sleep on the dock in makeshift open-air camps.

Many spent weeks with just a blanket and no showers. Potential asylum seekers had no proper access to legal advice, and some people were held for weeks — much longer than the three days that the law allowed. An ombudsman later forced the government to shutter the makeshift camp and relocate the migrants to hotels that had been emptied by covid-19.

At the port on Thursday, Leo sat under a shaded platform while the fierce midday sun hung over the migrants and aid workers. He heard testimonies from rescue workers, humanitarian workers and the personal story of a Nigerian victim of human trafficking. Nearby, a banner recalling the port’s former nickname rechristened it the “Dock of Hope.”

“Dear migrants, before saying anything else to you, I want to bow before your dignity,” Leo said to them, bowing his head slightly.

Addressing the Nigerian woman and other women who have been trafficked and forced into prostitution, Leo assured them: “If others have put a price on your body, know that God has never ceased to recognize your inestimable worth,” he said.

He urged countries of origin to create the security and economic conditions so people are not forced to flee, and for transit countries to protect migrants so they don’t fall prey to smugglers. And he appealed to the “conscience of Europe, which cannot claim to uphold human dignity while growing accustomed to the Mediterranean and the Atlantic becoming unmarked graves.”

In one of the most powerful speeches of his pontificate, dedicated entirely to migration, Leo listed the rights of migrants to flee or remain. But he didn’t mention the right of nations to control their borders or limit asylum requests, as he has done in the past. And significantly, he insisted that if one is Christian, one cannot ignore the plight of migrants.

“May history not accuse us of turning the pain of those who suffer into a common sight along our shores,” he said. “Today, here by the sea, every individual that arrives asks us what remains of our humanity. Sooner or later, it will be known whether we protected life or whether we yielded to indifference.”

Among the migrants waiting for Leo was Mame Amandou Neang, a 56-year-old who arrived in the Arguineguín port from Senegal earlier this year.

“This is a great honor,” said Neang. “We hope that if we see him, all our problems will stay behind us, we will forget our problems, because we have many things to forget for the moment.”

The International Organization of Migration’s Missing Migrants Project has recorded some 6,600 deaths on the Atlantic route from West Africa since it began tracking them in 2014. But it admits that this estimate is a vast undercount due to the lack of information on the route and the phenomenon of “invisible shipwrecks.”

Since 2020, the Spanish migrant rights group Caminando Fronteras, or Walking Borders, estimates that more than 25,000 people have died or gone missing trying to reach the Canary Islands.

Francis had made the plight of refugees a hallmark of his papacy, following the Gospel mandate to “welcome the stranger.”

And Leo has followed suit, insisting especially on the dignity of migrants in his native United States amid the Trump administration’s crackdown and mass deportation program.

Next month, the American pope will spend July Fourth — America’s Independence Day — on the island of Lampedusa, where Francis in 2013 first denounced the “globalization of indifference” the world shows migrants.

Some effects of a potentially historic El Niño are already being felt

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in its release early Thursday.

El Niño is the opposite of La Niña; the two make up ENSO, or the El Niño Southern Oscillation. Like a pendulum swinging back and forth, Earth oscillates between El Niño and La Niña every two to seven years.

El Niño begins when anomalous westerly winds blow over the equatorial Pacific. That’s opposite to the direction of normal easterly trade winds.

These westerly winds push the top layer of water, which is heated by the sun, eastward. That piles hot water in the eastern Pacific, heating the air above. That air rises, and, over the course of half a year or so, key weather systems in Earth’s atmosphere are shuffled.

It’s important to remember that El Niño doesn’t begin like a switch flipping; even the most dramatic El Niños emerge gradually.

That’s why forecasters at NOAA’s Climate Prediction Center use something called the Niño 3.4 index to officially “declare” the commencement of El Niño or La Niña conditions. The index looks at water temperatures in a key zone of the central tropical Pacific (aptly named the “Niño 3.4 region”). El Niño conditions are declared when water temperatures there are running 0.5 degrees Celsius (0.9 degrees Fahrenheit) above average. La Niña necessitates the opposite: waters cooler than average.

But it’s not instantaneous; there have to be five consecutive months where the three-month running mean meets that threshold. So by the time an El Niño is declared, Earth’s atmosphere is already beginning to respond.

In recent years, it’s been increasingly difficult for scientists to separate the effects of human-induced climate change from the ordinary swings of ENSO. That’s why meteorologists often now use RONI, or the Relative Oceanic Niño Index; it compares sea surface temperature anomalies in the Nino 3.4 region to the real-time global average rather than historical averages.

A new climate change-adjusted El Niño index being used by NOAA and other climate agencies suggests that central equatorial Pacific Ocean temperatures during this El Niño event will be boosted by about 0.5 degrees Celsius because of climate change.

And this El Niño could ultimately be one for the record books.

According to new data released on Wednesday by the Copernicus Climate Change Service, 7 out of 10 key climate models predict the strongest El Niño event by November. A warming of more than 2.7 degrees Celsius (4.9 degrees Fahrenheit) in the central equatorial Pacific would break records set in 2015 and 1877.

Global impacts to expect during El Niño

Unlike a storm that suddenly hits your town, El Niño’s influence on the global climate will gradually build in the months ahead.

Drought is likely in southern Africa, Australia, India, the Indochina peninsula and Oceania. Southeast Asia, meanwhile, could see above-average rainfall and more flooding.

And in the United States, a stronger, straighter west-to-east wintertime jet stream is expected over the southern part of the country. That will mean wetter conditions and more severe weather along the Gulf Coast, but drier and warmer conditions to the north. That could lead to a less intense winter across northern parts of the Lower 48.

The climate pattern also affects hurricane season. And it can be feast or famine. In the central and eastern Pacific, rising air will support more hurricanes than average. But what goes up must come down: Subsidence, or sinking air over the Atlantic, is expected to suppress tropical activity, reducing the number of tropical storms and hurricanes that develop in that region.

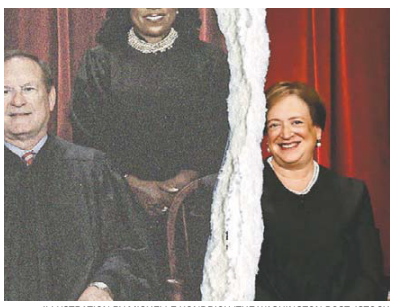
In some places, the shifting conditions are bringing dramatic impacts to agriculture and commerce, like in Peru, where the effects of El Niño are already being felt. Although June typically marks the start of cooler, winter-like weather in parts of that country, the opposite is happening this year — and people are flocking to the beach amid “unimaginable” warmth.

Because of the rapidly warming water’s influence on anchovy behavior, the industrial anchovy fishing sector in Peru has suspended its activities. And the warmer-than-average waters near the sea surface suppress nutrient-rich cooler waters from upwelling. That starves smaller baitfish, yielding a poor fishing harvest.

Overall, the pattern is expected to influence weather patterns — and shift the odds for weather extremes — through at least next winter.

FRIDAY OPINION

Solo dissents are uncommon. Justice Kagan just made her first.



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BY GRANT CHRISTENSEN AND ANNE MULLINS

Last month, Justice Elena Kagan did something she had never done before. She dissented alone. After nearly 16 years on the Supreme Court, she was finally on the lonely side of an 8-1 ruling in *Havana Docks Corp. v. Royal Caribbean Cruises*.

Supreme Court decisions with a single dissenting vote are uncommon. Since 2000, fewer than 1 in 11 cases have been decided this way. Recent terms see an average of six such cases. Unanimous decisions, meanwhile, are the most common. Kagan's dissent leaves Justice Amy Coney Barrett as the only member of the current court who has yet to dissent alone. Justice Clarence Thomas, the current court's most prolific solo dissenter, has written more than 50.

As justices are increasingly reduced to ideological blocs, a lone dissent becomes their most visible act of self-definition. Without the armor of a group, these dissents offer a clear view into a particular justice's philosophy, untainted by perceived politics. These acts of judicial vulnerability reveal what a justice values most.

In an institution built on collaboration, standing alone can come at a cost. Dissenting risks both collegiality and strategic advantage, which means the justice's conviction must overcome the pressure to conform. In the first-ever recorded dissent, in 1807, Justice William Johnson said having the support of another justice contributed to his willingness to stand apart.

This pressure for consensus is baked into the court. A unified Supreme Court is generally seen as more authoritative, which strengthens its legitimacy. As a result, an institutionalist such as Kagan is far less likely to dissent alone than a maverick like Thomas. The chief justice is particularly unlikely to do it. Chief Justice Earl Warren didn't write his first lone dissent until his 14th year on the bench and wrote only five in his entire 15-year tenure. William H. Rehnquist wrote 68 lone dissenting opinions in the 14 years he was an associate justice but only nine in the 19 years he served as chief.

Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr.'s sole lone dissent came in the 2021 case *Uzuegbunam v. Preczewski*, where he would have limited access to the federal courts for plaintiffs seeking nominal damages when the underlying claim was moot. The Supreme Court, he wrote with uncharacteristic scorn, should not "encourage litigants to fight over farthings." Even in his lone dissent, Roberts sought to protect the institution of the federal judiciary.

A justice who stands alone can be vindicated years later. When *Plessy v. Ferguson* upheld segregation on the basis of "separate but equal" in 1896, Justice John Harlan offered the sole dissent.

"Our Constitution is color-blind," Harlan wrote, "and neither knows nor tolerates classes among citizens. In respect of civil rights, all citizens are equal before the law." Fifty-eight years later, the court would agree when it unanimously overturned *Plessy* in *Brown v. Board of Education*.

Harlan was not the only lone dissenter to foretell the future. Justice Harlan Stone penned the lone dissent in the 1940 case *Minersville School District v. Gobitis*, which held that a public school district could compel students to salute the American flag and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Just three years later, the Supreme Court overturned *Gobitis* in a 6-3 ruling in *West Virginia State Board of Education v. Barnette*. In 1988, Justice Antonin Scalia stood alone in *Morrison v. Olson* and articulated the unitary executive theory that is now central to separation-of-powers debates.

Kagan's 16-year wait to join the ranks of the lone dissenters is a testament to her institutionalist temperament. She stood alone when the court, in her view, departed from the architecture of legal reasoning. *Havana Docks* featured a plaintiff whose rights in the Port of Havana were seized by the Cuban government decades ago. Those rights were set to expire in 2004, and the defendant cruise lines used the docks from 2016-19. The majority, however, held that the cruise lines could be liable for damages to the plaintiff because they used property "tainted" by Cuba's confiscation.

"The key to getting this case right," Kagan wrote in response, "is understanding the nature of the property interest that Havana Docks once held in the docks." Then came a property lesson. "The majority's approach ignores basic principles of property law. As every first-year law student learns, 'property' is defined by reference not just to spatial boundaries, but also to temporal ones." The majority, she continued, "inexplicably privileges the spatial."

This is not a fiery dissent but a pedagogical one. It defines the property interest, identifies its boundaries and applies the statutory language.

Kagan's dissent may not become a majority view anytime soon — or ever. But, like the many solo dissents that came before, it articulates a principle the justice is unwilling to surrender, even for the sake of unanimity. In that sense, Kagan's lone dissent is less an act of defiance than of preservation for the judicial principle she values. Perhaps one day, the Supreme Court will agree.

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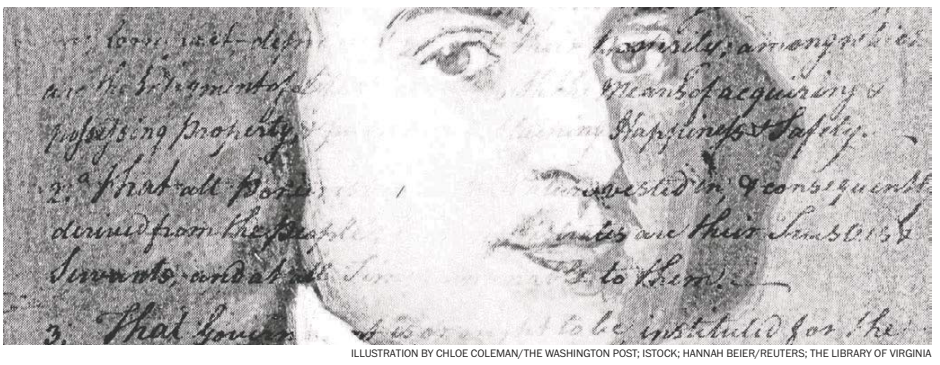

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Celebrate the Fourth of July. But don't forget the Twelfth of June.

BY WILLIAM J. WATKINS JR.

Naturally, the main event of America's 250th anniversary celebrations will be the Fourth of July, in honor of the Declaration of Independence. But a little tailgate party would be appropriate for the Twelfth of June. For it was on that date, 250 years ago, that Virginia's Declaration of Rights was adopted.

Written primarily by George Mason, Virginia's declaration inspired Thomas Jefferson in writing the nation's founding document. It set forth in plain language America's first principles and provided guideposts for the establishment of a republican government.

It's no accident that this seminal declaration originated in Virginia. Jamestown, founded in 1607, put many of those principles and structures into action well before 1776. As Lyon Gardiner Tyler — son of President John Tyler and himself president of William & Mary from 1888 to 1919 — observed, "jury trial, courts for the administration of justice, popular elections in which all the 'inhabitants' took part, and a representative Assembly" were created in the Old Dominion "before any other English settlement was made on this continent."

In the first section of the Declaration of Rights, Enlightenment thought and Christian principles intersect to affirm the equality of all men and their possession of rights such as "the enjoyment of life and liberty, with the means of acquiring and possessing property, and pursuing and obtaining happiness and safety." If this language sounds familiar, it's because another Virginian — Jefferson — borrowed from it when composing the second paragraph of the Declaration of Independence.

The Virginia declaration's second section rejects the British idea that an artificial body such as Parliament could possess ultimate authority. In the commonwealth, "all power is vested in, and consequently derived from, the people," the declaration states. Government officials are thus "trustees and servants and at all times amenable to" the people.

The third section proclaims that "government is, or ought to be, instituted for the common benefit, protection, and security of the people, nation, or community." If a government fails to achieve these ends, "a majority of the community has an indubitable, inalienable, and indefeasible right to reform, alter, or abolish it, in such manner as shall be judged most conducive to the public weal."

In the next four sections, the declaration rejects the hereditary offices found in the British system; asserts that power should be divided among three branches of government; commands frequent and free elections so the people can deliberate on the conduct of their magistrates; and prohibits the suspension of duly enacted laws without legislative consent.

After setting forth these principles of republican government, the Declaration of Rights turns to individual liberties necessary for a free society. Many of these provisions would later appear in the Bill of Rights — the first 10 amendments to the Constitution, ratified in 1791.

Section 8 deals with the rights of an accused person in criminal cases. A criminal defendant has a right to confront the government's witnesses, present evidence in his own defense and demand a speedy trial by a jury of his peers. Prosecutors are prohibited from compelling the accused to give evidence against himself or hiding the nature of the charges from the defendant.

The ninth section, mirrored almost exactly by the Eighth Amendment to the Constitution, avers "that excessive bail ought not to be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted."

Section 10 outlaws the British colonial practice of using general warrants — a legal process that authorized searches and seizures without specifying the premises to be searched or the alleged contraband to be seized. No such fishing expeditions would be allowed in Virginia. Similar prohibitions in the Constitution's Fourth Amendment are modeled on the Declaration of Rights.

The remaining sections protect civil jury trials, freedom of the press, freedom of religion and civil control of the military.

A society can remain free, the Virginia Declaration of Rights teaches, "but by a firm adherence to justice, moderation, temperance, frugality, and virtue and by frequent recurrence to fundamental principles."

So, yes, on July Fourth, by all means heartily cheer the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. But to understand the principles behind the American Revolution and republican government, dust off George Mason's Virginia Declaration of Rights and study its plain language. It is essential to discerning the pillars of America's government and the purpose of the nation's independence.

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1946 birthed three presidents — and remade the world

BY JOE KLEIN

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The winter holidays of 1945-46 must have been a jolly time for the Greatest Generation. Many of them had just come home from the war and were reunited with honeys who had been waiting, hoping, delaying. A song from the era went, "Don't sit under the apple tree with anyone else but me … till I come marching home." It was apple-picking time. Spiked eggnog and pheromones were in the air. Fecundity was inevitable.

Three American presidents were conceived around that time. They were born the following summer: Donald Trump on June 14 (technically late spring but well past Memorial Day), George W. Bush on July 6, Bill Clinton on Aug. 19. (I, barely a footnote, came along on Sept. 7.) We were the advance guard of the baby boom, and this summer, those of us who are still here will all turn 80.

It was a relatively quiet summer, except for all those new babies. Winston Churchill had already announced the next struggle — "an Iron Curtain has descended across the continent" — but that seemed a blip on the horizon. Colonies were becoming countries. The United States recognized the Philippines' independence. Jewish terrorists bombed the British headquarters at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem; Gandhi marched in India. The maps hanging in American schoolrooms — with vast pink swatches denoting British colonies and green for the French — were about to become obsolete. The sun was setting on those empires.

But the most important thing about the summer of 1946 was peace. It was, in fact, the beginning of the Great American Binge. What followed was amazing: Over the next 20 years, our parents' generation succeeded beyond their wildest dreams, with even relative failures among them landing in the suburbs, in tract houses that they owned (that the government helped pay for). There was never a time like it, TV and frozen TV dinners and Little League. I was among the first to test the polio vaccine. It worked! And it presaged the end of the plague era, one of the great triumphs of our time.

The generation — we — who grew up in unprecedented prosperity and safety would become notorious in our own minds. We certainly talked, wrote and sang a lot about ourselves. Clinton, Bush and Trump would be our presidents (Barack Obama, too, technically, but not really; Joe Biden was a few years too old to count, officially). And, because of our demographic heft, there would be an arrogance to us. Marketers would target us; they still do. All those pharmaceutical ads clotting the news programs are about us.

Above all, there was a freedom born from the absence of threat. The children of affluence would rebel, and then rebel against rebelling, and grow prosperous. They would be liberated by low prices and the birth control pill; they would excel at entertaining themselves — and the rest of the world. "Your generation taught us a lot about food," said my mother, who never got over the Great Depression and was eternally amazed by the array at the supermarket. (Trump's father built one of the first supermarkets within New York City's limits.)

Along the way, we would shepherd some of the greatest human rights advances in history — toward greater equality for Black people, for women, for gays. We would become aware of the environment. Blue skies adorned formerly smoky cities; the river in Cleveland no longer caught fire. A new medical or technological marvel seemed to change our lives every week. We pretty much stopped smoking cigarettes; some of us started smoking marijuana. Seat belts were fastened.

But what more can be said about them — us — now that we approach the last, inescapable hurdles?

The three presidents who first opened their eyes during the summer of 1946, who graduated college in the hectic spring of 1968, are extremely different men. They have little in common. Bush is old money, reinventing itself in Texas; Trump is new money, living in Queens — where I was born — and pining for Manhattan. Clinton never knew his father; his stepfather was an auto salesman in the naughty town of Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Their moms were formidable keepers of the hearth (and, in Clinton's case, bettor on the ponies). Their fathers were more problematic. They were harder to match.

George H.W. Bush was a war hero and, by all accounts, a lovely man — difficult to rebel against, though W. tried hard, at a time and in a class where a smidgen of rebellion was deemed necessary. Fred Trump had apparently been arrested at a Klan rally — in Queens — as a young man and had been investigated for profiteering in the housing market during World War II. But he escaped punishment in both cases, a lesson his son clearly learned about the slippery limits of the law. Clinton's stepfather beat his mother; Clinton once broke down the bedroom door to protect her when he was a teenager. And yet he took the man's last name. Absent a steady dad, he grew up flagrantly eager to please.

All three men indulged in the indulgences of the era. Clinton and Trump, famously so, with women, though both were, more or less, teetotalers. (Clinton, I believe, really didn't inhale.) Bush reformed himself, finding religion after a period of excess, his subsequent discretion impressive. And all three avoided service in their generation's war, Vietnam — a war of choice that could have been undertaken only by a prosperous nation. (I avoided service as well.) The lack of service, sacrifice and discipline may be the thing Trump, Bush and Clinton have most in common.

And what now? We boomers are pretty much done politically. I suspect the next turn will be a "kinder, gentler" Trumpism. The country hasn't yet assimilated our immigrants — or caught up to the human rights advances that defined our generation.

We exit, less mature than we should have been, less responsible than our parents were. In some ways, we're a flashy act to follow; in others, a historic disappointment, leaving our children a world less secure than the one our parents enjoyed as the New Year dawned in 1946.

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Trump's spy powers mess

PART OF THE FOREIGN Intelligence Surveillance Act expires on Friday, and the Trump administration is predicting calamity. Secretary of State Marco Rubio recently warned of "dire impacts on our ability to keep the Nation secure," while Sen. Tom Cotton (R-Arkansas) said the consequences "could be fatal." But if the lapse in the program known as Section 702 will be so damaging, why not agree to modest reforms that would prompt Congress to renew it with huge majorities?

FISA's Section 702 is meant to target foreigners for surveillance, a crucial mission no one seriously contests. Reformers merely want to limit searches of *Americans* who are occasionally caught up in the dragnet. U.S. citizens are rarely targeted under Section 702, but the White House and congressional leadership would apparently sooner tank the whole program than address that eminently fixable constitutional problem of backdoor searches.

President Donald Trump inadvertently illustrated the need to safeguard Americans' private communications from government rummaging by announcing that he would install Bill Pulte as acting director of national intelligence.

In his current role as head of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, Pulte has referred several of Trump's political opponents for criminal prosecution based on their mortgage filings. The cases have been uniformly unsuccessful, but they highlight how tempting and easy it is for executive agencies to exploit their access to nonpublic information to intimidate critics.

FISA's Section 702 governs the collection of foreign communications. The difficulty is that when Americans communicate with foreigners, the government can intercept both sides of the conversation — say, a senator's communications with another country's political leader. Hearing from each end is necessary to make sense of the foreign intelligence.

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The current debate is about whether spy agencies and the FBI can *search* for a particular American in their database. They have the unquestioned ability to pull the communications of foreign politicians; the question is whether they can search for a particular U.S. senator in their database, and — without a judicial warrant — listen to all of her conversations with foreigners that have been intercepted.

That kind of surveillance looks a lot like a classic Fourth Amendment search. The case that a warrant should be required, at least in most cases, is strong, and defenders of the status quo have failed to show why it would cripple national security. Instead they point over and over to the importance of the program overall, which is a red herring.

Section 702, first enacted in 2008, was extended twice in recent months, but on Thursday the House failed by a 20 vote margin to extend it another three weeks. Pulte's nomination reduced reformers' appetite for kicking the can down the road; he is slated to assume the top intelligence role in the coming days.

Trump announced Thursday that he will nominate Jay Clayton, the U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York, to replace Tulsi Gabbard as the Senate-confirmed director of national intelligence. The Senate can shorten Pulte's tenure by confirming Clayton quickly, but that shouldn't change the politics of reform.

When it comes to U.S. citizens, warrantless surveillance power is unsafe in any hands.

It's disappointing that Congress couldn't reach a compromise, but warnings of disaster are exaggerated. The special court overseeing foreign surveillance already granted the existing program a one-year extension in March, meaning that 702 collection can continue largely in its current form until the next Congress is in session. The statute's Friday expiration might change the legal calculus for some companies that receive FISA requests, but the consequences are still murky. And the Trump White House will no doubt claim broad inherent executive powers to keep surveillance going.

The country needs an orderly, effective and constitutionally valid surveillance system. That is entirely within reach. All that's needed is for the administration to drop its absolutism and recognize the legitimacy of a basic claim — when the U.S. government wants to read an American's private communications, and there's no emergency, it needs to get a judge's sign-off.

The most audacious IPO in history

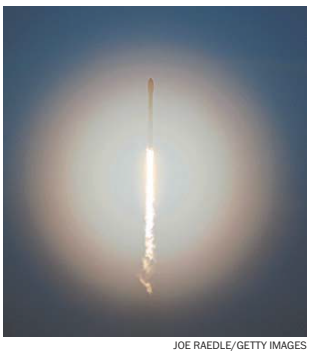
THE BIGGEST DANGER of buying SpaceX stock is also the reason so many investors are lining up to invest: Everything rests on one man. That's true of all founder-led companies, but as with everything else, Elon Musk takes it to extremes.

Musk is poised to raise $75 billion on Friday in the largest-ever initial public offering, even though the company isn't profitable. Its Starlink satellites make money, but the artificial intelligence and rocket-launching divisions bleed cash.

IPO road shows typically price the stock in a range, but SpaceX asked for $135 a share, take it or leave it, for a deal that will leave Musk with an unusual level of control over the public company. The deal is reportedly oversubscribed.

From one angle, it looks like a risky gamble on a brilliant but erratic man. From another, it's a bet that market forces and relentless innovation will do what central planning could not.

The U.S. government has played an essential role in accelerating space flight. The moon shot was only possible because NASA marshaled vast sums of capital that markets would never have committed toward a risky venture with no obvious commercial payoffs. But, over time, America's space program stagnated due to flagging political will and an inefficient "cost-plus" procurement system.



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A Spacex Flacon 9 rocket launches Monday from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida.

Musk helped push NASA toward a more market-oriented procurement model. Companies are given targets to meet and a fixed price for meeting them. With their own capital at risk, these firms keep an eye on other potential applications and an even closer eye on costs.

Continually lowering launch costs, the key to opening up more commercial opportunities, will require major advances in space technology, and other companies are in the race. Blue Origin, founded by Post owner Jeff Bezos, directly competes with SpaceX for defense and space exploration contracts, commercial satellite launches and lunar landers.

Musk's misadventures, especially with the Department of Government Efficiency, made many Americans question his judgment. The qualities that might make him the world's first trillionaire, at least on paper, made him poorly suited for working out of the White House.

Yet the key to Musk's success as an entrepreneur, according to biographer Walter Isaacson, is his ravenous appetite for risk and a willingness to fail frequently but productively. He constantly prods his teams to question assumptions and streamline production processes.

Musk says all his projects over the years have been building up toward the goal of establishing a self-sustaining colony of humans on Mars. If he succeeds, SpaceX's $1.77 trillion valuation might seem comparatively small.

Rising measles cases offer a dire warning

THE NUMBER OF MEASLES cases recorded in the United States this year has surpassed 2,000. Last year, it took until December to reach that grim milestone.

The country hasn't seen numbers like this in more than three decades, and they are likely to get worse given the relatively low levels of vaccination across much of the country.

It's a reminder that even as the Trump administration has backed off its anti-vaccine messaging in recent months, the damage it has wrought will echo for a long time.

Public health officials are scrambling to contain outbreaks of the highly contagious disease in multiple states, largely in rural areas. Pennsylvania recorded 10 cases last week, primarily in Lancaster County. Virginia's count jumped by more than 30 cases in recent weeks, centered most around Buckingham County. Utah and South Carolina also continued to record new cases in the past few weeks after experiencing large outbreaks earlier this year, though fortunately those crises seem to be cooling off.

> Once-eliminated infectious diseases are spinning out of control following attacks on vaccines.

Most of the cases this year have occurred among kids and young adults. More than 90 percent of them were unvaccinated or had unknown vaccination status. Six percent have required hospitalization.

And it's not just measles. Cases of other vaccine-preventable illnesses such as whooping cough, rotavirus and Hemophilus influenza Type B are all rising as parents decline to give their kids shots. That's not only dangerous for those children but also those who are too young to get immunizations, as well as immunocompromised people whose bodies are unable to mount a response to surging pathogens.

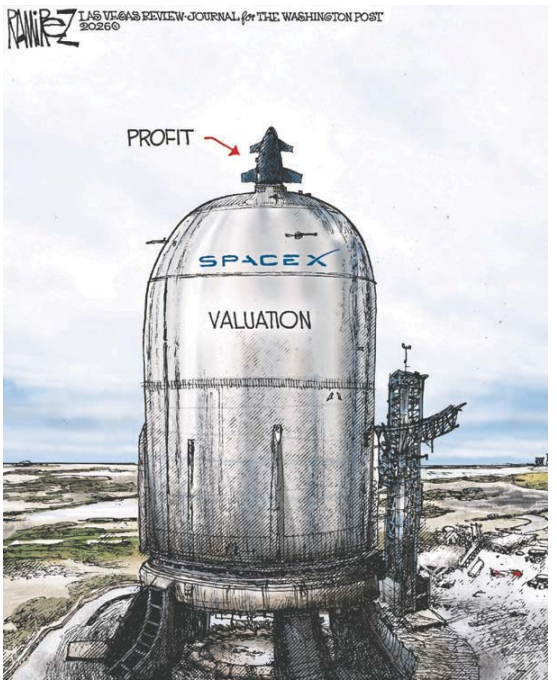
The decline in vaccination predates this administration, but rhetoric from officials, especially Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., supercharged skepticism toward vital public health tools. That's prompted enormous backlash, including among Senate Republicans — so much so that the White House reportedly felt compelled to sideline Kennedy on the issue. The administration has also needed to withdraw multiple nominees for health agencies because of previous anti-vaccine comments.

Whether this shift is permanent remains to be seen. Last week, President Donald Trump issued an executive order directing agencies to pare back recommended childhood vaccines, even though similar changes announced in March by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention were blocked in federal court.

At the same time, Kennedy is still reportedly pushing to craft new "research" to support his long-debunked claims that vaccines are unsafe.

The ultimate outcome of such efforts would be to make it harder for parents to access these medical innovations to keep kids safe. It would be like lining your house with kindling as wildfires spread nearby. Someone's bound to get burned.

MICHAEL RAMIREZ



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How AI can revolutionize conservation

Robert Gebelhoff's June 10 Wednesday Opinion column, "This bird made history — and kicked off a breakthrough," emphasized how artificial intelligence is opening the door to a new era of conservation. But use cases for the new technology to save species extend beyond supporting the sequencing of genomes.

AI can also be deployed to better track migration patterns and provide real-time data on animal populations. This information can sharpen existing conservation policies, ensuring that laws like the Endangered Species Act are making the greatest impact for animals.

AI is also driving innovation for a novel conservation tool called rewilding, an approach that seeks to reintroduce native plants and animals to ecosystems that have been thrown out of whack by human behavior. With the capability to quickly model migration corridors and habitat health, AI-powered computer simulations can help determine where species can be released with the greatest chance of success.

Next-generation tech alone will not solve today's conservation challenges. But AI provides an opportunity to navigate these obstacles better than ever before.

Robin Ganzert, *Washington*
The writer is president and CEO of the American Humane Society.

AI helps bring humanity to health care

Fareed Zakaria's June 7 online column, "Human intelligence will win out over artificial intelligence," was right that the rise of artificial intelligence should lead us not to diminish human intelligence but to better understand what only human beings can provide. As a nurse practitioner, I see enormous promise in AI for health care. AI is set to help clinicians engage more deeply with science, synthesize complex information, support diagnosis and treatment, and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of care. AI's purpose is to assist human intelligence rather than replace it.

But the best promise of AI in health care is the opportunity to make care more human. Patients do not experience illness as a data set. They bring fear, uncertainty, family responsibilities, cultural beliefs, financial pressures and hopes for healing. Meeting people where they are requires listening, trust, compassion and presence. AI tools give health care professionals more time to be face-to-face with patients, rather than face-to-screen.

If AI can reduce documentation burdens, organize information and support clinical decision-making, clinicians can spend more time building the human connections that improve understanding, adherence, trust and outcomes.

Richard Ricciardi, *Washington*

Smokers need alternatives

Leana S. Wen's May 27 column, "The FDA authorizes unauthorized nicotine products," rejected recent action by the Food and Drug Administration to authorize safer alternatives for America's estimated 30 million adult cigarette smokers.

I'm a former senior staffer at the FDA, and the agency should be applauded for its efforts to tackle the nation's leading preventable cause of death: cigarette smoking. The FDA is giving adult smokers greater access to nicotine products that contain fewer harmful chemicals than cigarettes. Substantial evidence also shows these products are more successful in helping adults quit smoking than other nicotine replacement products. And nicotine gum and lozenges have long been sold in fruit flavors because adults quitting smoking also seek to quit the tobacco flavor itself.

The FDA's prohibition-based approach helped fuel a massive illicit vaping market to flourish, which now accounts for 85 percent of all vapor products sold in North America.

Wen argued that additional flavor choices court minors. But according to the most recent youth tobacco survey, in 2024, youth vaping was at a 10-year low. Most importantly, less than 6 percent of middle and high school students reported current use of e-cigarettes.

If the market does not offer more lower-risk alternatives, many adults will continue smoking and many others will resort to unsafe, illicit products. Neither of those outcomes promotes public health or advances a well-regulated market.

David Oliveira, *Dartmouth, Massachusetts*
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The geniuses behind D-Day

In Timothy Chu and Drew Endy's June 7 Sunday Opinion essay, "How Trump's 'super genius' uncle helped win D-Day," there was no mention of the "super genius" electrical engineers who were sent to England in 1941 to learn radar from the British. My father, Stephen W. Kershner, was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Signal Corps in August 1941. He was assigned to the Electronics Training Group, comprising 50 officers, all electrical engineers. Their mission was to go to England to study radar, which the Brits were using against German air attacks. While the officers were in England, the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor and suddenly America was in the war. Radar is often referred to as the invention that changed the world. Actually, the men in the Electronics Training Group changed the world.

Mary Elizabeth Cox, McLean

CORRECTION

Kathleen Parker's June 5 column, "From front-runner to Epstein files: The spiral of Nancy Mace," incompletely referred to denials of rape accusations made by South Carolina Gov. Nancy Mace (R). All four men denied the allegations.

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OPINION

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Graham Platner has a Kik account. Here's what you should know about that app.

It's bad enough that Graham Platner, the Democratic Senate nominee in Maine, posted about engaging in crude sexual acts in public toilets and having phone sex in Afghanistan on a cellphone network probably compromised by the Taliban — and that his wife found sexually explicit messages he had exchanged with multiple other females.

What is more troubling is that since 2016 Platner has had an account on Kik, a messaging app that the National Center on Sexual Exploitation (NCOSE), a D.C.-based child advocacy nonprofit, has called "one of the most notorious apps for predatory adults to target young children." Concerns about the app were public knowledge when he joined, and those warnings steadily mounted over ensuing years, raising new questions about the judgment of a candidate already facing so many. There is no evidence that Platner used the app to communicate with underage girls. (I reached out to Platner's campaign to ask what he has used the app for but have not received a response.)

Kik is one of the top 10 apps used by teens in America, according to Search Logistics, a London-based search engine optimization agency. It estimates that more than one-third of American teens use Kik (slightly less than the 40 percent Kik claimed back in 2016) and that 70 percent of users are in the 13-to-24 age bracket. But a 2023 NCOSE report cautioned, "Kik is not an app designed for teenagers, but for adults to access teenagers." Kik has not required users to verify age (except in Britain, where it is mandated by law) or a phone number, valid email address or any other identifiable information to initiate direct messages with strangers. For this reason, NCOSE has called the app a "predator's paradise" for "grooming kids and sharing images of their abuse."

In 2023, the center set up a fake teen account on Kik for a girl named "Jenny" and reported that within hours "she was contacted by not one, not two, but dozens of adult men" who knew the user was purportedly a minor but still "sent her pornography and graphic messages demanding she send nude images of herself." Jenny was added, without giving consent, to a "family role playing" group chat where members connected to play "stepdaughter" and "stepdad." Adult users targeting Jenny on Kik engaged in "the most aggressive predatory behavior we have encountered" on any social media app, the NCOSE researchers reported.

According to NCOSE, a report analyzing U.S. federal criminal cases involving child sexual abuse material found that between 2014 and 2020, more than 2,000 minors were victimized on the app. The BBC reported that Kik was a factor in more than 1,100 child sexual abuse investigations in Britain between 2013 and 2018. According to a 2017 investigation by Forbes, Kik had hundreds of groups "dedicated to trading child abuse material, including images and videos of minors aged between three and 12 'engaged in sexual acts with adults.'" NCOSE reported that Kik had "no filters to allow children to avoid seeing explicit imagery when searching innocuous tags." For all these reasons, the center included Kik on its 2023 "Dirty Dozen" list of companies profiting off and enabling sexual abuse.

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Graham Platner at a town hall in Portland, Maine, on Sunday.

I asked Lily Moric of NCOSE whether Kik had made any substantial changes to protect children since the center's 2023 report. She told me that in 2023 and 2024, the app announced changes that "at the time looked really promising." For example, she noted, "they said they made it an 18-plus platform, which is good." But, she said, "they do not require any age verification. That gives them a free path to not have any parental controls … because they're basically saying, 'Well, why would we have parental controls? It's for 18 plus.'"

"They said they were requiring a valid email address," she continued, "but interestingly enough, when I tested the other day creating an account, I did enter my email address, but it didn't actually require me to verify it." She added, "We still have lots of reports of minors encountering inappropriate content on there, of them being groomed to send child sexual abuse material."

In recent days, NCOSE reported that a staff member was able to create a fake account with the username "Im12BeNice" and immediately began to receive suggestive and sexual messages. The first said, "just hopped out of the shower, drying off <3." Then: "lets do a live call masturbating." After that came a stream of nude photos. NCOSE said its researchers were not required to verify their ages or email addresses. "This is all part of their 'anonymity' that they are proud to tout," Moric wrote. "But the unfortunate truth is, anonymous apps like Kik are hot spots for people looking to groom children."

Little wonder that in August last year, Nevada's Democratic attorney general, Aaron D. Ford, filed a civil lawsuit accusing Kik and its parent company, MediaLab, of endangering the state's youths — alleging that Kik was "a haven for child predators" and citing cases in which teen children were "groomed, abducted, and even murdered by predators on Kik." Ford argued that the "Kik product lacks adequate, feasible safety features, e.g., proper parental controls, verification of user age, proper content moderation, safeguards preventing minors from being contacted by predators," and that Kik's owners did "nothing to address the harms to children that were rampant on the Kik platform." As a result, Ford's complaint declares, "at present, Kik remains one of the most severe threats to minors currently in operation." (After a motion to dismiss, the case was granted in part and denied in part on Feb. 11. The attorney general and Kik agreed to a stay to pursue settlement talks, according to the attorney general's office.)

I reached out to MediaLab for comment and requested any public response to these allegations, but it did not respond. In the community standards statement on its website, Kik states that the app "is only for people 18 years and older" and adds "it's important to note that we take this age requirement very seriously, and any violation or suspected violation will result in your account being banned." It also proclaims "zero tolerance for any content encouraging, promoting, or featuring the exploitation of children." The experience of the NCOSE researchers suggests otherwise.

According to the Wall Street Journal, Platner joined Kik in 2016 (using the handle "phustle0331"). That year, the New York Times published an exposé describing the app's popularity among sexual predators. The Times reported that the app went "further than most widely used apps in shielding its users from view, often making it hard for investigators to know who is using it, or how." His Kik account is still active as of this writing. (The Journal reported that according to his campaign, Platner had "long deleted the app from his phone but hadn't deactivated his account.")

Sen. John Fetterman (D-Pennsylvania) asked in a CNN interview on Tuesday: "What kind of a creeper has been a decade on a platform like Kik?" Good question.

There have been numerous cases of sex predators in Maine using Kik to target children and trade in child pornography. In June 2025, a Maine man was sentenced to 60 years in prison and supervised release for life for producing videos of children being sexually abused and distributing them on Kik. In September, a Maine man pleaded guilty to obtaining child sexual abuse material on Kik, where he had expressed sexual interest in children 6 to 12 years old. And in February 2023, another Maine resident who admitted to sharing material depicting child sex abuse on the app was sentenced to 13 years after he propositioned an undercover FBI agent posing as a minor.

Predators on Kik pose a direct threat to the children of the very Maine voters Platner seeks to represent in the U.S. Senate. Mainers have a right to know why Platner was on the same app as these convicted pedophiles.

DAVID IGNATIUS

Trump and Putin wanted quick victory. They got forever war.

Look at our battered world, and you see two presidents, Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin, caught in wars that they are struggling to finish. There's a common theme with the Iran and Ukraine conflicts that we might call "the power trap." These two men can't escape the consequences of their mistakes.

Both leaders thought their enemies would capitulate in weeks. Both ignored advisers who warned that victory wouldn't come so easily. Both still believe they can dictate the outcome, even as the chances of full success recede. Both have isolated themselves in bubbles of adulation and ignorance.

The closer each gets to retreat, the more they seem to think that they're winning.

Trump's entrapment becomes more obvious every day. It's written on his face, as in his snarling tantrum before he stormed off the set of his interview last weekend with NBC's Kristen Welker. He's clearly so frustrated in his effort to find an exit ramp from Iran that he claims he doesn't even "consider" the standoff in the Strait of Hormuz a war. "I don't think about it," he claimed to Welker. His demeanor said the opposite, as did his return to offensive military operations this week.

Putin is his twin in denying reality. He still calls the Ukraine conflict a "special military operation." He believes he can dictate terms and compel Kyiv's compliance. His Kremlin advisers increasingly whisper their doubts, but they don't dare confront him directly.

"No one can afford to express doubts to Putin," explained Tatiana Stanovaya, a well-informed analyst with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, in an interview this week. "People understand perfectly well that such a conversation would provoke a cold and dismissive reaction. You risk being seen as no longer fully on board and, by implication, aligned with hostile thinking."

Leaders caught in this power trap are dangerous. They can't bear to admit their earlier mistakes and correct them, so they press on. They live on flattery. They disdain "soft power," and thereby squander it. They alienate old allies even as they keep making new enemies.

Caught in the Iran snare, Trump oscillates between threatening to extinguish Iranian civilization and offering Tehran terms so generous that they worry Gulf allies such as Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. He seems ready to jettison his Iran war partner, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. His dismissive comment — "he'll do whatever I want him to do" — has become a meme for the Israeli opposition.

Putin's Ukraine strategy is a meat grinder. Russia is suffering more than 30,000 dead and wounded a month, intelligence analysts say, and he keeps sending more troops to their deaths at the front in hopes of a breakthrough. He won't declare a general mobilization because it would hit comfortable Russians in Moscow and St. Petersburg and perhaps turn them into dissidents. His next grisly tactic may be saturation bombing of Kyiv and other cities this summer, Ukrainian officials tell me.

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Trump's struggle to avoid failure in Iran is evident in his near-daily social media posts and sessions with reporters, where he sometimes shifts positions by the hour. Putin's flailing is less visible but, in many ways, similar. Like Trump, he has enforced discipline within his party by ignoring or intimidating critics. But as frustration with the war grows, debate in Russia is becoming more open.

An early dissenter was Dmitry Kozak, Putin's close aide since the 1990s and the Kremlin's deputy chief of staff until he resigned in September. At a meeting of Russia's Security Council on Feb. 21, 2022, three days before Russia invaded, Kozak "is supposed to have argued against military action," according to Vladimir Solovyov of the Carnegie Russia Eurasia Center. A transcript of that meeting shows he was the only attendee who didn't advocate Russian annexation of the eastern Ukrainian regions of Donetsk and Luhansk, Solovyov writes.

Putin froze out his critics for four years, but the ice is beginning to break. Dmitri Trenin, the president of the Russian International Affairs Council, said in an April interview with Kommersant: "Our own ignorance or misunderstanding of our neighbors will create completely unnecessary problems. … Ukraine demonstrates how dangerous such an approach can be."

The sharpest criticism came in a May article by Vasily Kashin, who runs a center at the Higher School of Economics in Moscow. "The goal of 'liquidating the anti-Russian regime' in Ukraine is fundamentally unattainable at this stage without a complete, long-term military occupation of the entire country. … For Russia, this is technically impossible," he wrote.

Trump may eventually get an Iran deal with the help of Qatari mediators. But from what sources tell me, it will largely mirror terms of the 2015 Iran nuclear deal that he scuttled — making the Iran war a costly military campaign that achieved very little.

Putin and Trump march on. They can't admit failure in Ukraine or Iran, but they can't find a path to victory, either. The costs of these "endless wars" grow month by month — and now they have spawned the beginnings of political revolts in Moscow and Washington.

Both leaders rail at media critics. Putin has tightened controls on the internet and suppressed the app Telegram. Trump, meanwhile, rarely lets a day pass without attacking journalists, as in his tirade to Welker against "the fake dirty press, the crooked press." But there are limits: Trump, for all his fulmination, can't stop journalists from critical reporting; Putin has to worry that if he chokes the internet too hard, he will spawn a revolt.

The wars in Iran and Ukraine will probably go down in history as epic mistakes, like the U.S. invasion of Iraq in 2003. Democracies have a way of correcting such errors, and you can already see that course correction at work in the United States. But Russia is a boiling pot with a tight lid. Once, Trump might have cut a Ukraine deal that could have rescued Putin from his folly, but Putin was too greedy to accept, and the moment has probably passed.

These two leaders both came to power with a vision of making their countries great again. Each now suffers the consequences of launching unnecessary and inconclusive wars that have brought little but pain to all sides.

Colombia is working with the U.S. for a safer hemisphere

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A Colombian anti-drug security operation last fall near Villagarzón, Colombia.

BY GUSTAVO PETRO

When I met with President Donald Trump in the White House earlier this year, many observers in the media expected a cage match not unlike the one planned for the South Lawn this Sunday. Instead, we came out of the Oval Office with a unified goal: to stop the deadly flow of drug trafficking and transnational criminal violence that plagues both of our great nations.

In the months since, as before, my government has worked closely with our friends in Washington to bring peace and stability to our region. Today, from the mountains of Colombia to the streets of the United States, the combined effort is bearing fruit. As my term as Colombia's president comes to a close, I'm grateful to President Trump for his partnership and proud of the results we've achieved together.

One of the most important goals I discussed with the president was to fight the illicit drug trade at its root, well before dangerous substances end up in the hands of our nations' citizens. In this goal, Colombia exceeded expectations.

Since I took office in 2022, Colombian forces have seized about 3,200 tons of cocaine across Pacific and Caribbean transit routes bound for the U.S., and we have reduced roughly 19,000 drug laboratories to rubble. And, as Rep. Gregory Meeks (D-New York) noted last fall, Colombian intelligence during my administration has played a major role in U.S. drug-interdiction successes:

"Between January 2024 and June 2025 … 85% of all actionable intelligence used by the Naval Air Station Key West Joint Interagency Task Force South (JIATF South) originated in Colombia," the congressman said in a statement. "In 2024 alone, Colombia seized almost 1,000 tons of cocaine, that represented 65% of global cocaine seizures and the equivalent of 750 million lethal doses and $22.5 billion denied to criminal networks."

Directly seizing illicit products and degrading criminal supply lines and revenue streams is important, but so is bringing those who commit these crimes to justice.

These numbers are the direct result of Colombian cooperation with U.S. drug enforcement priorities, as has been acknowledged by U.S. law enforcement agencies. But more significant are the countless untold stories that lie behind these numbers: stories of lives saved, families protected, streets made more secure. Those stories are the lodestar that guides our drug enforcement efforts now and in the future.

Directly seizing illicit products and degrading criminal supply lines and revenue streams are important, but so is bringing those who commit these crimes to justice — in Colombia and the U.S. These illegal products have claimed far too many lives.

Since 2022, Colombia has approved hundreds of extraditions to the U.S. for drug-related crimes — including nearly 300 such extraditions in 2025 alone — so that the American people can see these criminals receive the justice they deserve. We have also made more than 17,000 arrests related to drug trafficking and neutralized over 14,000 high-value targets and combatants since 2022. This was accomplished both on our own and in close coordination with U.S. law enforcement and Interpol.

Throughout this period, Colombia has also not backed down in our commitment to curbing violence in our country through the Total Peace agenda — which seeks negotiations where possible and military action when necessary. In 2026, we have continued to intensify military operations and airstrikes against armed actors, such as the Gulf Clan, the National Liberation Army (ELN) and dissident elements of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), to prevent more innocent lives from being lost.

At the same time, we are negotiating with breakaway factions of these groups to stop new armed groups from forming and threatening our people. Every day, the strength and influence of terrorist groups continue to diminish, ensuring peace is durable and long-lasting.

While President Trump and I may not agree on every issue, I am proud to stand shoulder to shoulder with him in our joint effort to eradicate drug trafficking and bring peace, health and safety to our two countries. The results we have achieved so far are just the beginning; with continued U.S.-Colombia partnership, we can truly make the Americas great again.

Gustavo Petro is the president of Colombia.

ECONOMY & BUSINESS

Oil executives warn White House that gas prices will get worse

Grim predictions add to the problems of a president facing a rise in inflation

BY EVAN HALPER AND CAT ZAKRZEWSKI

Oil and gas executives have warned the White House that gasoline prices could surge in coming months as fuel inventories fall to critical lows, complicating the Trump administration's efforts to contain inflation that has already rattled American consumers.

Industry officials say they are doing everything they can to sound an alarm that prices are about to soar as the commercial and government inventories that have mitigated price rises so far are rapidly depleting, according to multiple people familiar with the conversations, who spoke on the condition of anonymity for fear of retaliation from the administration. Some inventories could be wiped out within weeks, the executives have warned, coinciding with the peak summer travel season.

"I have absolutely no doubt the White House — from the president on down — is fully aware of the nearly universal alarm among oil companies and analysts about the direction of travel for oil prices this summer," said Bob McNally, who was an energy adviser in the George W. Bush administration and founded the research firm Rapidan Energy Group.

The warnings underscore the rising political and economic risks confronting President Donald Trump as the conflict with Iran drags into its fourth month, with little indication that a diplomatic breakthrough is imminent, despite periodic White House predictions of progress.

Already Trump's administration is confronting the highest rate of inflation in three years, which has led to a significant drop in his standing among voters and deepened concern among Republicans about widespread losses in the midterm elections, which could cause them to lose control of one or both houses of Congress.

The Labor Department's consumer price index rose at a 4.2 percent annual pace in the year ending in May, driven by surging gas prices.

Trump has publicly brushed off concerns about the rising prices. "I love it. I love the inflation," Trump told reporters Wednesday when asked about the new figures. Oil prices will drop "like a rock" once the war concludes, he said.

Industry executives suggest otherwise.

The war with Iran has snarled the Strait of Hormuz, the waterway that transported about one-fifth of the world's oil and natural gas supplies before the war. Trump has repeatedly sought to assure the public that he is close to a deal to reopen the strait, but that has not happened.

Senior oil executives who typically avoid making alarming projections in public have been doing exactly that.

"We're sounding the alarm on these inventories going to record lows," said American Petroleum Institute CEO Mike Sommers on "Mornings with Maria," a Fox Business program that Trump frequently watches. "We should be concerned about what prices we're going to see over the next few weeks. We have to solve this problem in the Strait of Hormuz."

Industry officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to avoid antagonizing the White House, said the administration's reception to their worries has been mixed. Some officials, they say, are taking the posture that the warnings are hollow. Prices have not shot up toward $200 a barrel, despite warnings since the war against Iran started in late February that they would quickly head there.

The U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve has dropped to 349.2 million barrels, approaching a multi-decade low last seen in 1983. The exact date reserves start to run dry can be difficult to calculate, because they cannot be run all the way down.

Millions of barrels of oil need to remain in pipelines and refineries to keep the systems from breaking down. Analysts and industry executives warn the critical moment could come anywhere from the end of this month to closer to the end of summer. But they are universally anxious about how quickly the supply is declining.

Industry models show the collapse of crude inventories within a matter of weeks could push the cost of oil up by 50 percent or more — sending the price of gas at the pump soaring past $5 a gallon. Oil executives worry that will send the administration scrambling to impose emergency measures like restricting the export of U.S. fuel.

A senior White House official said more information from the industry "is good," and the administration will continue to take information from oil and gas executives into account.

"But that is one piece of a larger picture that only the president has," said the official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe the private deliberations.

The price of gas has "consistently gone down for the past couple of weeks," the official said. The official attributed that to steps the administration has taken to ease prices, including waiving the Jones Act, which governs the ships that can serve U.S. ports, and coordinating the release of 172 million barrels from U.S. reserves.

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The national average for a gallon of gas on Wednesday was $4.15, down from $4.52 a month ago, according to data from AAA. The prices fell in part because of reports of peace negotiations in the conflict with Iran, but the latest exchange of attacks has jeopardized a fragile ceasefire.

"The president is focused on finishing the job," the official said. "We have heard projections again and again throughout this entire conflict that the price would jump higher and higher, that the price of crude barrel would be $150 or $200, or the average price of oil would be upwards of $5. None of that has played out."

Other administration officials are frustrated that the industry has not moved faster to drill more and expand domestic production to create a buffer, some of the people said.

But companies have been reluctant to invest too heavily in multibillion-dollar drilling operations, which would not yield substantially more barrels for months when the administration is expressing confidence that the strait will reopen within days.

"Both camps know exactly what is at stake," said one industry official who frequently interacts with the administration. "The industry folks are intent on making sure that if the worm turns, the White House does not point fingers that the industry did not do enough."

"Everyone everywhere fully appreciates that the standoff cannot go on for another 30-45 days without the political calculations changing," the official said.

"The White House knows and understands the severity of the potential situation. … They are politically constricted from saying that publicly."

The potential for a dramatic price hike that would ripple around the world does not align with Trump's narrative that the United States holds all the cards in negotiations and that oil disruption is but a minor, short-lived inconvenience.

A further hike could carry political consequences for Trump, whose allies now acknowledge the risk that a prolonged conflict poses to the Republican Party's prospects in the midterms.

"High oil price is like a tax on the economy, and it's a tax on the incumbent party," said economist Steve Moore. "This is why Trump is so eager to get this done."

Trump said that he had conducted a secret military operation to remove 100 million barrels of oil that were stuck in the strait. Military officials said his remark referred to a previously announced plan to share information with shipping companies about safe routes through the waterway.

Experts tracking movement of oil on through the strait say that some shipments have gotten through, but the volumes are extremely limited and do not do very much to solve the inventory problem.

Before the war, some 130 tankers traversed the strait daily. Even if White House claims that dozens of tankers are slipping through each week are accurate, that would amount to only a fraction of the crude moving through the strait before. Ship-monitoring data suggests the White House claims are exaggerated.

"The president is making a remarkably dubious claim," said Brett Erickson, managing principal at Obsidian Risk Advisors, which specializes in financial crime and sanctions, and is closely monitoring oil shipments in the Persian Gulf. "And even if some ships are getting through, this is not a long-term solution. Are we going to perpetually be the chauffeur for the Gulf?"

Even if some stranded oil can be smuggled out, ships cannot get back into the strait to reload.

"They don't even need to hear from us directly to know there is a problem," said an executive with a major oil company. "There is no shortage of people out there saying this publicly. The inventories are at historic lows."

U.S. stocks jump on hopes for a deal to get crude flowing globally again

BY STAN CHOE AND ALEX VEIGA
Associated Press

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks rallied to their best day in two months, and oil prices fell Thursday after President Donald Trump called off his threat to bomb Iran in the evening. That raised hopes for a potential deal that could get the global flow of oil going again.

The S&P 500 jumped 1.8 percent, coming off a back-to-back drop that had yanked it back to where it was in early May. The Dow Jones Industrial Average leaped 929 points, or 1.9 percent, and the Nasdaq composite rallied 2.5 percent.

Stocks immediately veered higher in midday trading after Trump said on his social media network that "discussions with the Islamic Republic of Iran have been brought to the highest level of Iranian leadership and approved" and that the time and place of a signing will "be announced shortly."

A deal to end the war with Iran could reopen the Strait of Hormuz and allow oil tankers to carry crude again from the Persian Gulf to customers worldwide. The price for a barrel of benchmark U.S. crude sank 2.6 percent to $87.71. Brent crude, the international standard, fell 2.9 percent to $90.38, though it's still above its roughly $70 price from before the war.

Worries had been high because the United States and Iran launched attacks over the past several days threatening a more than monthlong tenuous ceasefire.

High oil prices caused by the Iran war have sent inflation painfully upward, and a report on Thursday showed that prices at the U.S. wholesale level increased by more in May than economists expected. The effect is worldwide, and the European Central Bank on Thursday became the first major central bank to raise interest rates in response.

Higher rates can keep a lid on inflation. But they also slow economies and undercut prices for all kinds of investments, including stocks and cryptocurrencies. They hit investments seen as the most expensive in particular, and some critics are calling the artificial-intelligence industry a bubble where investment inflated too far.

Big swings for AI stocks have been yanking the U.S. stock market up and down over the last week, as they went from roaring to records to suddenly turning lower. The big concern is whether such stocks shot too high, too fast because of AI mania, and their careening moves have sometimes reversed direction by the hour.

AI stocks had already been rolling back up their roller coaster early Thursday, before Trump made his announcement on Iran.

Marvell Technology climbed 11.1 percent. It's coming off a manic stretch where it plunged 16.7 percent, soared 9.6 percent and then fell more than 5 percent for two straight days. Just before that, it had a one-day surge of 32.5 percent that was its best in history when Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang suggested it could be "the next trillion-dollar company." It was worth a bit more than $190 billion at the time.

Companies involved in the making of chips, meanwhile, jumped to some of the market's biggest gains. Lam Research leaped 12.7 percent, and KLA climbed 12.9 percent.

DIGEST

ENERGY

Canadian oil supplier restricts crude exports

Wet weather and a power outage at a major oil sands producer have contributed to crude export supply tightness out of Western Canada, which could tighten supplies to the key Cushing storage hub in Oklahoma and to U.S. Midwest refineries. Supply disruptions in Western Canada are adding to an already tight global market as a fifth of the global oil and gas shipments are stuck behind the Strait of Hormuz due to the U.S.-Israel war in Iran. U.S. crude inventories, including those from strategic reserves, have fallen by 79 million barrels since the Iran war began in late February, with inventories at Cushing nearing operational lows. Canada is the world's fourth-largest oil producer, and the largest foreign supplier of crude oil to the U.S., with the oil flowing into storage tanks at Cushing and to Midwest and Gulf Coast refineries. The U.S. Midwest refiners, which have no access to waterborne crude, are heavily dependent on Canadian oil and many of the region's refineries have been designed to handle oil sands crude. But recent heavy rains in northern Alberta have temporarily slowed the pace of oil sands mining, while a power outage last week at Cenovus Energy's Foster Creek and Christina Lake operations prompted the company to declare a force majeure, three sources told Reuters.

— Reuters

CYBERSECURITY

Alphabet and Google find threat in Oracle

Alphabet's cybersecurity unit Mandiant and Google Threat Intelligence Group said Thursday they had identified an active compromise and extortion campaign targeting Oracle's PeopleSoft enterprise software, which they attributed to the hacking group ShinyHunters.

The campaign took place between May 27 and June 9, Google said in a blog.

PeopleSoft is an enterprise resource planning suite used by organizations to manage core business functions including human resources, finance and supply-chain operations.

After becoming aware of active scanning and exploitation, Google said it notified more than 100 organizations whose IP addresses correlated with potentially vulnerable endpoints. Most were based in the U.S., and 68% were in the higher education sector.

Researchers found that the attackers hosted customized MeshCentral agents disguised as legitimate cloud endpoints, which were used to run administrative command queries.

As the activity occurred before Oracle issued a security advisory on June 10, the hackers were able to exploit the vulnerability as a "zero-day" flaw, meaning there was no patch available at the time of the attacks.

ShinyHunters is a hacking group with a history of targeting global companies for extortion. Last month, the group struck a deal with Instructure, the parent company of education tool Canvas, to secure stolen student and school data.

— Reuters

TRANSPORTATION

Canada-U.S. bridge is facing delays

The opening of a Canadian-U.S. bridge across the Detroit River, which President Donald Trump had previously threatened to block, was delayed on Thursday due to unresolved issues.

In a statement released before a scheduled Friday ribbon-cutting ceremony at the bridge, the Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority said that "Canada and the United States have agreed to delay the opening of the bridge, taking the necessary time to resolve any outstanding issues." It didn't elaborate on what those are.

The 1.5-mile-long Gordie Howe International Bridge spans the Detroit River and connects the Motor City with Windsor, Ontario. The bridge is jointly owned by Canada and Michigan and was expected to open to traffic later this month.

But the opening had been thrown into question after Trump in February demanded in a social media post that Canada turn over at least half of the bridge's ownership to the U.S. federal government and agree to other unspecified demands in one of the Republican president's many salvos over cross-border trade issues.

— Associated Press

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STOP! THAT! TRAIN!
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The jokes chug along at a very high speed

BY JOCELYN NOVECK
Associated Press

Presidential candidates take note: If you ever want an effectively simple campaign slogan, you could do worse than this: "SHE FUN!"

That's the slogan that got President Judy Gagwell — a.k.a. RuPaul — elected, and if it puts a smile on your face, it's a good sign that lots of other, er, gags from Gagwell and others in "Stop! That! Train!," a delightfully absurd disaster-flick spoof with a wildly impressive joke-per-minute ratio, will be up your alley, too.

Especially when RuPaul is onscreen, in presidential pantsuits recalling Hillary Clinton or Kamala Harris. A memorable visual moment in director Adam Shankman's film is when RuPaul's prez is being briefed, during a White House corridor walk-and-talk a la "West Wing" and "Veep," while her chief aide (a hilariously sycophantic Matt Rogers) is also gravely piling things into her arms. He starts with briefing papers but moves on to ridiculous items like a bowling pin, a board game and a stuffed animal.

Even funnier is when the president, seeing that her aide has bad news to impart, asks: "Tell it to me straight." He informs her of the catastrophic storm — the "Stormaganza!" — in the path of a runaway train full of passengers. Then she says: "Tell it to me gay." And he just screams.

But most of the screen time is devoted to the train, and so we begin our tale with the real stars of this buddy film — the sweet duo of Tess and DeeDee (Ginger Minj and Jujubee, both alums of RuPaul's "Drag Race" universe).

These ladies are longtime friends, who attended train host-

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MOVIES IN WEEKEND

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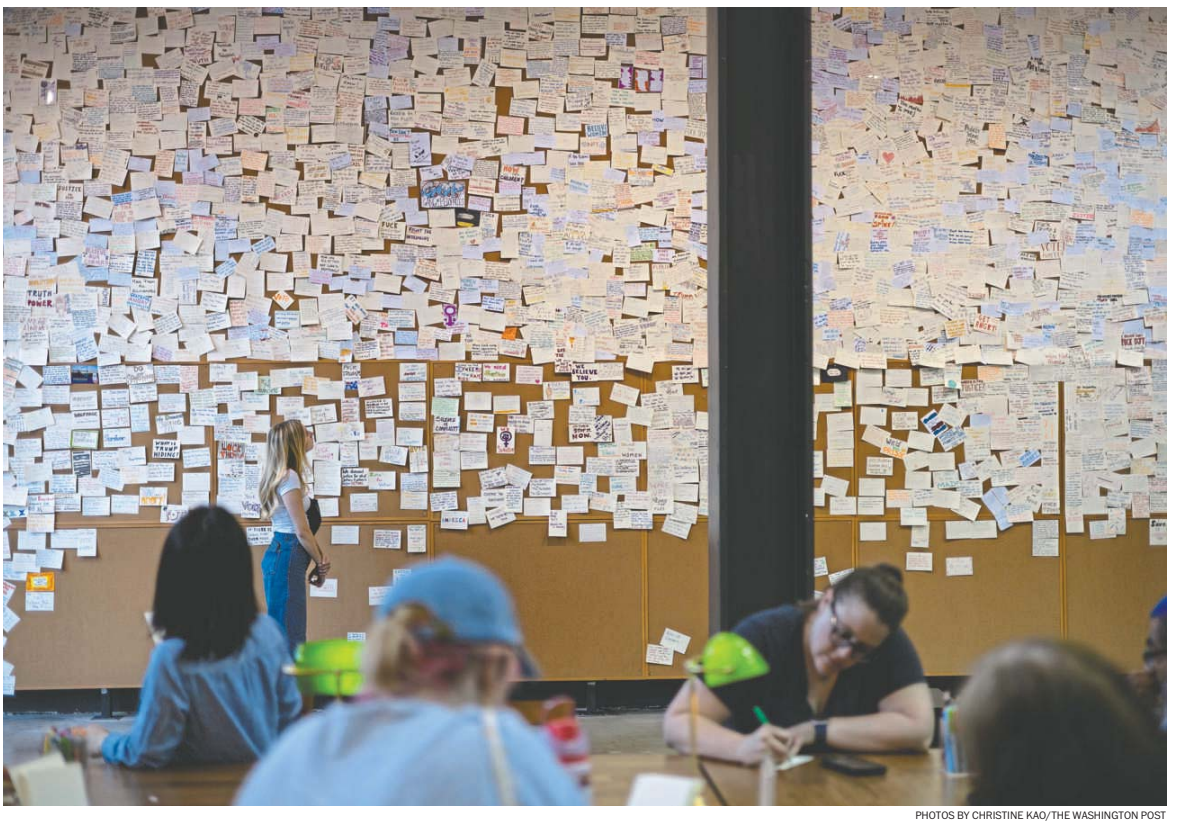
Hard-hitting action is relentless. **15**

A 'Reading Room' with documents related to President Trump and the convicted sex offender opens in Washington, but it's an educational endeavor, not political art, organizers say



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An Epstein files pop-up exhibit leaves some in tears

BY TAYLOR SWINTON AND GREY BATTLE

Right off the Chinatown D.C. Metro stop, a few blocks from the Justice Department, the sidewalks are filled during rush hour. Pedestrians swerve between packs of police, horns honk at teenagers blocking the street, neon restaurant signs glow. And then there's the Donald J. Trump and Jeffrey Epstein Memorial Reading Room, where the rush hour bustle quiets.

The reading room, which started in New York on May 8 and attracted more than 10,000 visitors in just two weeks, has made its way to D.C. The two-floor exhibition brought in about 500 visitors on Tuesday, its opening night. It features more than 3 million pages of files related to Epstein, a convicted sex offender, that the Justice Department released to the public in January.

The exhibit begins with a speech to

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At top, a wall of reflections shared by visitors of The Donald J. Trump and Jeffrey Epstein Memorial Reading Room. Above, David Garrett, one of the organizers.

'Gracie's Corner' finds another nook: Disney+

BY JONATHAN LANDRUM JR.
Associated Press

When Javoris Hollingsworth looked over his children's shoulders during the pandemic, he noticed something missing from the educational videos keeping them occupied: Black characters who reflected families like his own.

"Did you realize that none of the characters look like our children?" he asked his wife, Arlene Gordon-Hollingsworth.

Instead of simply pointing out the problem, the couple set out to change it. That observation eventually led to "Gracie's Corner," the educational music series inspired by their daughter Graceyn Hollingsworth that has attracted more than 6.3 million YouTube subscribers and nearly 10 billion views.

Now, "Gracie's Corner" is headed to Disney+.

Disney announced Thursday that it has acquired the global streaming rights to the popular preschool series and will develop new original content with the Hollingsworth family. The deal includes global linear and streaming rights to more than 120 shorts and 18 themed compilations from the existing series.

Graceyn, 13, said she was "really ecstatic" when she learned Disney would become part of the show's next chapter.

"Disney, Disney. The one that makes all the princess movies and everything," she recalled thinking. "It was really surprising."

"Gracie's Corner" will debut Monday on Disney+ in the United States and select international markets, with 68 shorts and seven compilations available at launch. Additional shorts and compilations will roll out globally through 2026.

The acquisition adds "Gracie's Corner" to Disney Jr.'s preschool lineup, which includes "Bluey,"

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At Kennedy Center, 'bike guy' is a signage sentry

CRAIG HUDSON/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Andrew Martin and Laura Bligh take a selfie in front of the Kennedy Center on Thursday.

BY JADE TRAN

Every day for the past week and a half, Andrew Martin has pulled up his cycling shorts, hopped on his eight-year-old Trek Domane SL 6 and biked to the banks of the Potomac River to photograph himself in front of the Kennedy Center.

He is proving that the name "Donald J. Trump" is still there. And waiting for it to come down.

Martin's daily missives have turned him into a hero for a certain subset of social media followers: people who are as eager as he is to see President Donald Trump's name ripped from the building — and who want their feeds populated with reports from other humans, not machines.

"Ty bike guy!" wrote one follower. "Yours is the only word I'll take for this!"

Martin, 51, is a Washingtonian, a government librarian and a lifelong fan of the Kennedy Center. As a young child he visited the center with his par-

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Close friend says her views align with mine, but she follows extremist groups

Asking Eric
R. ERIC THOMAS

Dear Eric: A close friend of 50 years has always gone out of her way, both in word and deed, to agree with my political views. She has participated enthusiastically in many advocacy events I have promoted. She has even gone so far as to express that her husband feels differently and that his views upset her so much, she might even leave him.

I was thus shocked to see on Instagram that, while she has never made a post, she follows some 1,200 or so people/groups, a small minority of which are friends and the remainder of which are all extremist groups on the other end of the political spectrum from the views she pretends to espouse.

She certainly has a right to her beliefs, but I feel betrayed that she has gone out of her way to act as if she completely agrees with me. I no longer feel comfortable sharing with her details about some of my family/friends as I know that the groups she supports would not approve of their lifestyle. I now wonder if anything she says is true. I can't help but feel like our friendship is beyond repair.

Do I tell her that I know the truth and confront her, asking her why she has lied all this time? Or ignore it and focus on our shared history and apparently superficial friendship but avoid all controversial topics?

— Shocked Friend

Friend: It's important to remember that social media doesn't have a direct relationship to reality. Now, following 1,200 political accounts isn't something one does by accident. But it's possible there's more to the story. When we see things online that don't match up with what we know to be true about friends and family, particularly now that the influence of AI is growing so rapidly, it's always good practice to check in with the human behind the account.

Before you walk away from the friendship, ask her some questions about what you observed. These don't have to be (or come across as) accusations. You might say something like, "I noticed you follow a large number of extremist groups, and it really surprised me based on our history and what you've said before. Can you help me understand?"

The answer may be as simple as her wanting to "keep tabs" on what others are saying or doing. Or, as you suspect, she may have been talking out of both sides of her mouth. But following doesn't implicitly mean support (even though social media engagement such as follows and likes are how accounts gain traction). Approach her with curiosity and let her response guide your next steps.

Send questions to R. Eric Thomas at *eric@askingeric.com* or P.O. Box 22474, Philadelphia, PA 19110. Follow him on Instagram and sign up for his weekly newsletter at *rericthomas.com*.

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The spoof 'Stop! That! Train!' delivers gags well

MOVIE REVIEW FROM **B1**

ess academy together and had dreams of seeing the world — important things like the Grand Canyon and the Dakotas, "Fanning AND Johnson!" But they ended up stuck at a low-rent company called Stank Rail.

Well, until now. When we meet them, they've just been handed pink slips. Thinking fast, they sneak their way onto the luxury Glamazonian Express, filled with very rich people and, as announced in the boarding call, "couples who shouldn't be traveling together."

The journey soon turns into an amalgam of "Airplane!" — the conductor looks a lot like Leslie "Don't call me Shirley!" Nielsen, a star of that 1980 classic — and "Mean Girls," where the three popular hostesses are just like Regina George and her friends. Only their names are Amber, Alli and, in a wonderful spelling gag — Ayshleiygh. Yes, Ayshleiygh.

Needless to say, they're based in first class. Tess and DeeDee take care of the coach passengers, who include a peasant woman washing clothes on a washboard. (Also a nun — a la "Airplane!")

The safety announcement is, not surprisingly, a saucy song-and-dance number. One memorable rhyme combines "There ain't no TSA" with "We're like if Amtrak was gay." You get the picture.

But what of the Stormaganza? Well, for that we're taken to Train Headquarters, where the only person who takes anything seriously is feisty Donna Dusk (Rachel Bloom), who tries to warn that the train must be stopped. For one thing, it's on track to crash in an area that contains — bear with us here — a nuclear plant, a hotel for dogs, and "the home of beloved actress Laurie Metcalf."

"Not Laurie Metcalf!" Donna's fellow worker gasps.

Meanwhile, President Gagwell needs to discover who she really is. Is she brave enough to guide the country through this crisis? And will she need to press either of the panic buttons on her Oval Office desk? One of them says "Game Over" and apparently leads to a nuclear strike.

The other says "JK LOL."

Which, in a few letters, perfectly captures "Stop! That! Train!," a movie so chock full of gags — the screenplay is by Connor Wright and Christina Friel — that the blooper reel at the end feels slow.

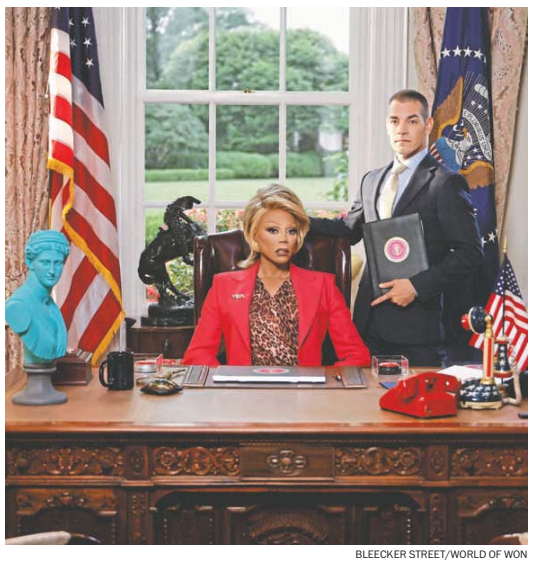
But we told you this was a buddy film. There's usually a moment in buddy films where the friends separate for some reason. And when Tess and DeeDee do, the film becomes something of a dark, somber Ingmar Bergman movie.

JK LOL!

Of course it doesn't. The gags never stop. Not every one of them soars, but enough do that you'll likely just be giggling for 90 minutes.

As the president might say, "They fun!"

R. At area theaters. Contains sexual material, coarse language, some drug material and brief nudity. 92 minutes.



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RuPaul, seated, and Matt Rogers play the U.S. president and her chief aide, respectively, in the comedy "Stop! That! Train!"

CHRISTINE KAO/THE WASHINGTON POST

A mural-size timeline of Trump and Epstein's relationship is on display at the reading room, which in open to the public through Sunday.

For some, exhibition evokes emotions

READING ROOM FROM **B1**

visitors about what it is not: This is not protest art. This is not a stunt. David Garrett, who organized the event with the Institute for Primary Facts, points to a photograph that shows a statue of Epstein and Trump holding hands displayed on the National Mall in September, and says, "That's protest art." The Institute for Primary Facts aims to foster "a deeper understanding of America's democratic institutions through immersive, fact-based educational experiences," according to its website.

In a digital world overflowing with six-second videos and clickbait headlines, Garrett finds walk-through exhibitions to be a kind of refuge. The "stated strategy of the people that seem to be trying to bring down our democracy is to flood the zone. This stops the scroll," he said.

One visitor, Morgan Nance, said she considered attending the exhibition a way to show up for Epstein survivors. Nance said she thought it was her duty to fully grasp the extent of Epstein's crimes. Teary-eyed, she said, "I want people to believe the victims, and I want justice to be served."

Visitors are led to a mural-size timeline of Trump and Epstein's relationship.

The two had a long-standing friendship before having a falling out in the mid-2000s. Epstein pleaded guilty in 2008 to two charges of soliciting prostitution, including one involving a minor. He was arrested on federal sex trafficking charges in 2019 and died in federal custody later that year. His death was ruled a suicide. Judges and lawmakers say that over decades, he abused, trafficked and molested scores of girls, many of whom have come forward in court and in other public forums.

Epstein's friendships with prominent political, business and cultural figures have come under intense scrutiny.

Authorities have not accused Trump of participating in Epstein's criminal conduct. Asked for comment about the exhibit, a White House spokesperson said in an email to The Post, "Just as President Trump has said, he's been totally exonerated on anything relating to Epstein."

The first floor of the exhibit holds dozens of bookshelves, packed with more than 3,400 volumes of the released files, which the Institute for Primary Facts printed and bound into 800-page books. These books are for display only; the public can't open them. But guests still sit, looking on, in silence.

On the way up the stairs is an art installation by Maria Farmer, who accused Epstein of sexual abuse. There is a depiction of a young blond girl with a man's hand covering her mouth, another girl being carried away by a balloon painted with the image of an old man's face, and the Hollywood sign rewritten to read "Pedo-wood."

The exhibit is expected to appear in five or six states before the end of the year, Garrett said. But taking it on the road is no small feat.

He said that finding a space has proved difficult. Five New York venues and a dozen spaces in Washington rejected the exhibit entirely, explained Garrett. He says setting up for the New York City reading room required two box trucks, then carrying 17,000 pounds of books in the pouring rain and up two stories of steps. (Moving into the D.C. location was made much easier by a loading dock.)

Garrett said he found a routine of talking about such difficult subject matter without getting too emotional. Sometimes, though, the news interviews get to him. He tears up behind thick, black glasses as he talks about an interview in which he unexpectedly began to cry. Crying is not uncommon here, he warns.

This is especially true on the top floor, where 1,400 candles are lit. They represent victims of Epstein's crimes, shimmering across from a wall reserved for visitors to offer their reflections by pinning up notes.

Nance said that adding a reflection to this wall made her feel part of a broader movement to hold wealthy, powerful people accountable. Met with the thoughts of thousands who had experienced the same exhibition, she felt less alone.

Alexandra Richardson was also on the top floor, sitting at a desk, writing on a notecard in red ink and crying. She said she had kept up with the news cycle, watched and rewatched social media content, and even read some of the Epstein files herself. But it's different being in person at the exhibit, she said, amid millions of pages and more than 1,000 candles.

Richardson retraced the letters on her notecard until they were bold. On the back wall, visitors have hung thousands of letters, with phrases such as "No more silence" and "Revolution is coming." She places hers next to the others: "We are not angry enough."

The Reading Room is at 737 Seventh St. NW and can be viewed free until Sunday.

'Gracie's Corner' offers a 'joyful, enriching experience,' Disney executive says

GRACIE'S CORNER FROM **B1**

"Marvel's Spidey and his Amazing Friends," "Mickey Mouse Clubhouse," "SuperKitties" and the recently launched "Sofia the First: Royal Magic."

"'Gracie's Corner' has made a real connection with families by meeting kids where they are, while still delivering the kind of joyful, enriching experience parents are looking for," said Ayo Davis, president of Disney Branded Television. "It feels very at home alongside the Disney characters and stories families already love, bringing together music, learning and participation in a way that really resonates with today's preschoolers."

The journey began in 2020 when the Hollingsworths, both university professors, were juggling virtual work and parenting from home during the early days of covid-19. Arlene Gordon-Hollingsworth, a licensed clinical psychologist, and her husband were teaching classes remotely while helping their children navigate online learning.

Like many parents, they relied on educational videos to keep their children entertained and engaged. But they quickly realized many of the characters their children watched did not reflect their own experiences.

At the time, Graceyn was in elementary school. The couple's younger children were toddlers.

"We were like every other parent, putting them in front of what we could to entertain them," Arlene Gordon-Hollingsworth said.

The conversation sparked an idea that would eventually become a family business.

The Hollingsworths created "Gracie's Corner," an animated sing-along series that reimagines nursery rhymes while blending literacy, math, science and social-emotional lessons with music inspired by hip-hop, R&B and other contemporary sounds. It features animated versions of Graceyn and her family. The show is designed to provide educational content that children can enjoy while also giving parents something they won't mind hearing repeatedly.

Success did not come overnight.

DISNEY/AP

Graceyn Hollingsworth provides the voice for the title character in "Gracie's Corner," the video series created by her parents.

The family's earliest videos attracted only a few hundred views, mostly from relatives and friends. But a phonics-focused song helped the channel gain traction, eventually transforming the project into one of YouTube's most successful educational brands.

"It didn't always look like it would be successful in the beginning," Arlene Gordon-Hollingsworth said. "What we set out to do, we're seeing it's important for other families too."

The channel's growth eventually attracted attention from across the entertainment industry including Disney.

Javoris Hollingsworth recalled receiving a LinkedIn message several years ago from a Disney executive expressing interest in the series.

"I thought it was a prank," he said. "There's no way Disney is reaching out to us."

The partnership marks another milestone for a family-built brand that has won four NAACP Image Awards, landed a book deal with HarperCollins and expanded into live entertainment through its sold-out national tour.

For Disney, the deal also reflects the growing influence of creator-led programming in children's entertainment and the ways young audiences increasingly discover content outside traditional television channels.

"Disney has always created stories and characters that families trust, and kids genuinely connect with," Davis said. "As the ways preschool audiences engage with content continue to evolve, we see an opportunity to work with creators who understand the kinds of music-driven, participatory experiences kids return to again and again, and bring those voices into the Disney ecosystem in a way that is thoughtful, curated and true to our brand."

Unlike many traditional acquisitions, "Gracie's Corner" will continue to live on YouTube while expanding to Disney's platforms.

Javoris Hollingsworth said maintaining ownership of the brand and ensuring its accessibility were important considerations as discussions moved forward. The arrangement also includes a development agreement that will allow Disney and the Hollingsworth family to create new original content together.

"We always wanted to make sure that our content is accessible and available to those who may not have access to some of the things that others have," he said. "Disney respected that."

So a dad who was MIA for decades gets to 'leapfrog' to fun granddad duty?

Carolyn Hax

Dear Carolyn: My dad was never around when my brothers and I were growing up. Sure, we lived in the same house, but our dad was working or hanging out with his buddies fishing, golfing or holding court at the local bar. Finally, when I was 15, my mom divorced him and we had zero contact with him for 13 years.

Then I invited him to my wedding. He came and we have had infrequent contact for a year or so until I announced I was pregnant. Since then — the baby is now 9 months — my dad is all over me and my little family with texts, phone calls, gifts. He is asking to spend time with the baby once, twice, three times a week(!) saying that he knows he screwed up with us three and he'd like a chance to be a proper grandfather. To do it right.

Is it odd that I'm resentful that he is willing to make this effort for my child and not me? What is this? He gets to just leapfrog over all the hard stuff to a new, squishy, gorgeous little baby? Or should I be happy that he wants to be a grandfather because his being a father is a lost cause?

I don't know what to think, and my indecision with all my hormones and going back to work and navigating this new part of the marriage means I've just been ignoring my dad. I don't have time for therapy right now, but could you give me some direction on how to think about it?

— Round 2

Round 2: When someone asks how to think about something, we're all pretty clear what that means. It's about mental framing that can help us make sense of difficult feelings and relationships. That's what we do here.

But in your case, I want to give a literal answer. I want to suggest a "how to think about this" process with actual, concrete steps. And which fleece and slippers to wear.

1. Tell your father the truth: "I've been ignoring you. Here's why: I resent that you're willing to make this effort for my child but never were for me. You get to just leapfrog over all the hard stuff to a new, squishy, gorgeous little baby? Or should I be happy my kid has a grandfather, because my father is a lost cause? Well, I've got too much going on to figure out your second chance."

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Give me a good reason he can't hear this straight.

2. Think about it on your schedule, not his!! If you're unsure whether you "should" be resentful or grateful or [feeling to be named later]? Okeydokey then. Maybe … tomorrow, or whenever it doesn't grind you to be thinking about this. We all have our own pace for adjusting to things. Maybe the answer will just come to you one day, fully realized. (Maybe on the day you're ready to put Grandpa to work. On your terms.)

3. Clear space for yourself. How can anyone think with someone "all over" them with "texts, phone calls, gifts"? No, no, no. That is about him. The people who are helpful and healthy to your little family are the ones looking out for you, not lobbying to get their piece for themselves. Or peace, or absolution, or new little buddy.

It takes time to sort out the terms of a complex family relationship, that's valid. It takes exactly today and *one sentence* to back someone off excessive pressure for access: "Message received, Dad, now give me space to think." Enforce it with your mute button and respond at a cadence *you* choose.

When(ever) you are ready to think about it, here are some framing thoughts, since I can't help myself: It probably won't help mend your soul to keep your dad away just to be punitive. Plus, babies do better with more people to love them. At the same time, if your dad is looking for redemption or a second chance in earnest, then he can also find that through knowing you better, can't he? Are you willing to ask him why he hasn't tried? Any solution that feels like bypassing you to bond with your child deserves all the skepticism it gets.

These are exciting, and exhausting, times. Breathe.

Congratulations on your new little person, and all the (generally) good things you're navigating now. It's okay to keep your baby, marriage and self at the top of the list and put the rest off for as long as you want.

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Ian McKellan unveils a blue plaque at the childhood home of actor Laurence Olivier in London.

Olivier's childhood home gets marker

Shakespearean actor is said to have set up a makeshift stage at the residence when he was a pre-teen

BY HILARY FOX AND PAN PYLAS
Associated Press

LONDON — Laurence Olivier, arguably Britain's greatest ever stage actor, was honored Wednesday with a blue plaque attached to the central London property where he lived as a child.

Unveiled by Ian McKellen, the plaque at 22 Lupus Street in Pimlico marks the place where Olivier began acting as a child.

"For those of us who were lucky enough to have seen him in the theater, it's of course quite right that, because he was the leader of our profession for so many years, it's appropriate that this should be put up," McKellen told The Associated Press after the unveiling. "Actors go out of fashion very quickly, but I've a feeling that this man's name will never be forgotten, and because of this plaque."

Olivier lived at the property between the ages of 6 and 11. While there, he reportedly transformed a wooden box and blue curtains into a makeshift stage where he sang, danced, and acted for hours at a time.

Olivier was venerated as a Shakespearean actor, playing many iconic protagonists in London including Hamlet, Henry V, Macbeth and, controversially, Othello. For his role as Hamlet, Olivier won his only Academy Award for best actor in 1949. Other famous screen roles include ones in "Rebecca," "Wuthering Heights"," "Marathon Man" and "Sleuth."

London owes much to Olivier, who died at age 82 in 1989.

He campaigned for the establishment of the National Theatre. The building that now houses the theatre officially opened in 1976 and its largest auditorium is named after Olivier.

"Laurence Olivier transformed British theater and film through the brilliance, range and intensity of his performances," said English Heritage senior historian Howard Spencer. "The plaque celebrates the formative home where one of Britain's greatest cultural figures first found his voice as an actor."

The Olivier Awards, which celebrate London's theater scene, were named in his honor.

The London blue plaque program began more than 150 years ago. The plaques commemorate notable people who made London home at some point. There are more than 900 official plaques in the capital.

The first plaque commemorated the poet Lord Byron in 1867 but the house was later demolished. The oldest surviving plaque commemorates France's final emperor, Napoleon III.

TOM FITZSIMMONS/AP

Actors Vivien Leigh and Laurence Olivier in 1951. Olivier was venerated as a Shakespearean actor.

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"Because he was the leader of our profession for so many years, it's appropriate that this should be put up," McKellan says.

Daily bike rides were prompted by AI video

KENNEDY CENTER FROM B1

ents. As an adult, he cheered while his wife, Julie, sang in the Concert Hall with the Choral Arts Society of Washington. As a parent he beamed watching his youngest daughter, Genevieve, serve as a "mini maestro" for a Christmas Eve performance of "Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

He was devastated when Trump's name was added to the building in December. And elated in late May when a federal judge ordered its removal. But it was an AI video that brought Martin back to the arts institution.

The weekend after the ruling, which also halted plans to close the building for two years of renovations, a striking video of the center circulated online. It showed crowds cheering as workers in heavy parkas tore the Trump name from the building, letters crashing dramatically to the ground.

Though the video was posted alongside real images of cherry pickers outside the Kennedy Center, Martin immediately suspected it was fake. So during his lunch break he took a 20-minute bike ride and snapped a picture to prove Trump's name was yet to come down.

He posted the photo to his social media accounts. The next day he biked back to do it again. And in little more than a week, Martin, known online as the "Drybrarian," saw his following on Threads climb from the three digits to more than 30,000.

"It turns out there's a real hunger for the truth," he says. "There's a lot of people out there who really want to know what is actually going on, but there's an equal amount of people feeding the AI slop machine."

After his first post went viral, followers began asking him to bring along a physical newspaper each day to prove the date — and to prove he was really biking there every day.

"It makes it feel like a hostage video," he laughs, "like a proof of life video."

To Martin, Trump's takeover of the Kennedy Center feels like its own hostage crisis. "But we can't negotiate with [Trump] because he wants to shoot the hostage," he adds, speculating on the neglect he believes could happen to the institution. "If he takes his name down and it dies, he'll say 'See? I tried to save it but you wouldn't let me,' and all we'll have are the ragged holes in the marble facade."

Since Trump's takeover the center has become a frequent site of protest, drawing drag performers, dancers and demonstrators responding to the president's statements and the institution's changes. With his daily 10-mile rides, Martin has joined a small community of people keeping vigil at the center. The most constant presence — and his newest friend — is Laura Bligh, a Vienna, Virginia, woman who spent 10 years working backstage with the National Symphony Orchestra.

Now, as the symphony nears its centennial anniversary, Bligh worries about its future.

"The Kennedy Center will not approve their budget so they can't formalize and announce their next season," she says from her station in front of the plaza's flagpoles, while holding a cardboard sign that reads: "TIME TO FIX THE FACADE."

"We are so hungry for even the tiniest smidge of hope, of something that indicates that the bad days might be over."

Andrew Martin, a government librarian and a lifelong fan of the Kennedy Center

Interest in Martin's posts ramped up as the clock has wound down on the judge's order to remove Trump's name from the building; the deadline is Friday. "We are complying with the court's order while evaluating all legal options to preserve this revitalization and recognize President Trump's leadership," the center's spokesperson, Roma Daravi, said last week in a statement.

In the days since the ruling, a cohort has begun keeping watch over webcam and small crowds have gathered in anticipation of the removal of Trump's name, sometimes spurred by rumors and sightings of construction vehicles.

"We are so hungry for even the tiniest smidge of hope," Martin says, "of something that indicates that the bad days might be over."

So, he adds, until the Trump name comes down, bike guy will keep going back.

CRAIG HUDSON/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Laura Bligh sports a pin supporting Kennedy Center workers as she stands in front of the arts center on Thursday.

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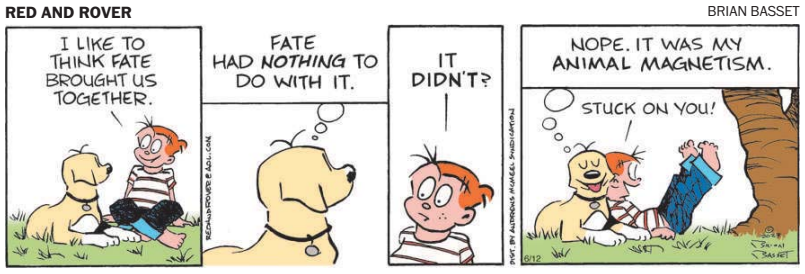
RED AND ROVER BRIAN BASSET



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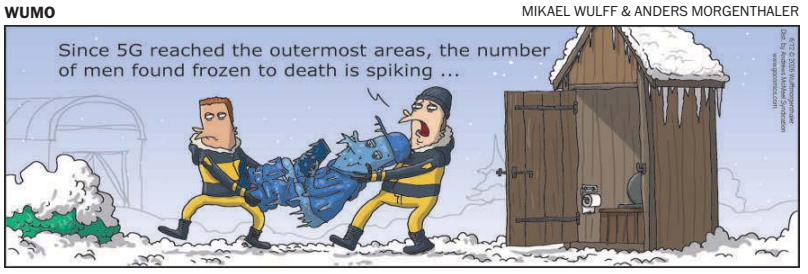

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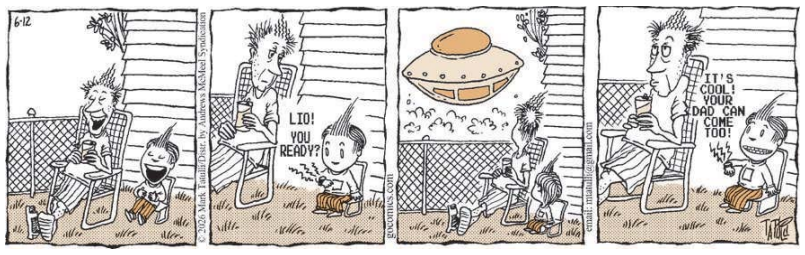

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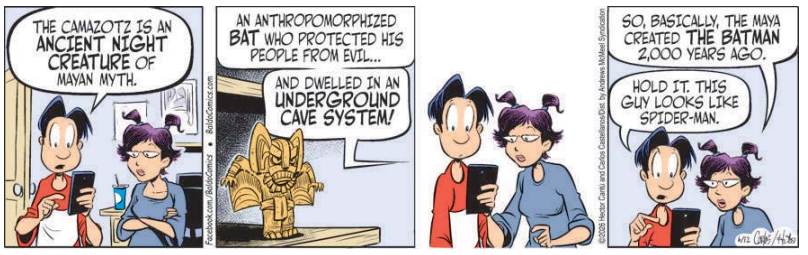

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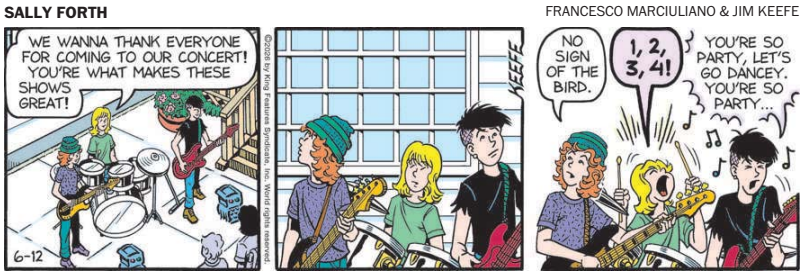

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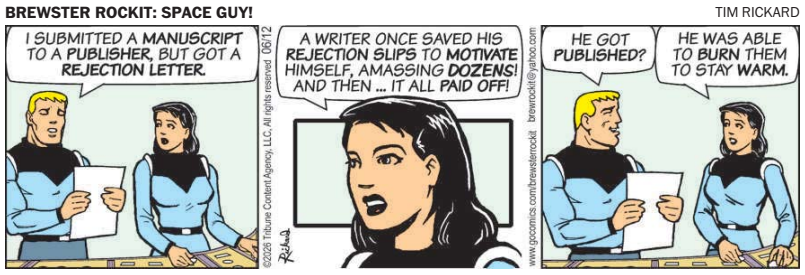

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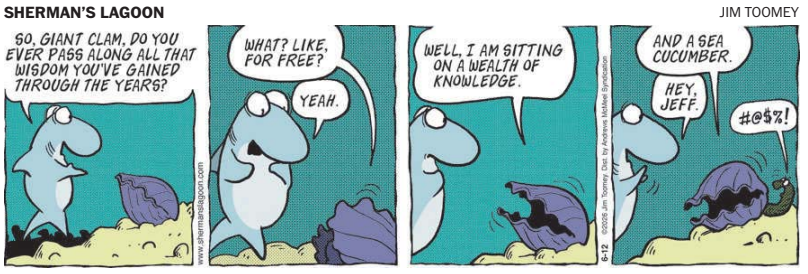

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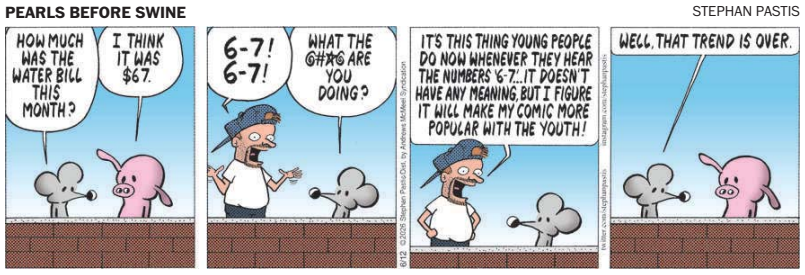

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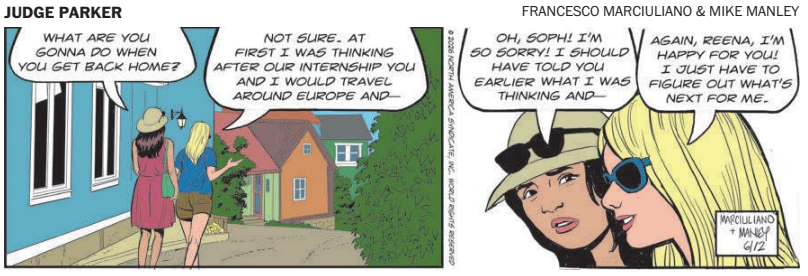

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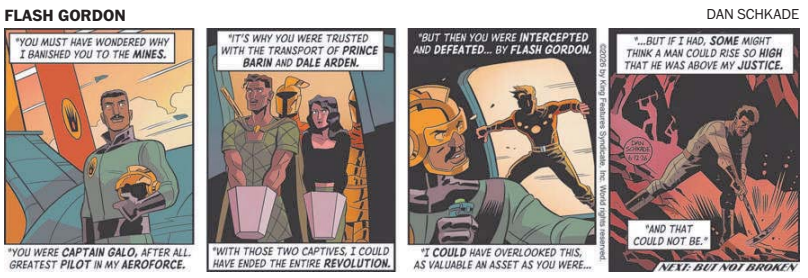

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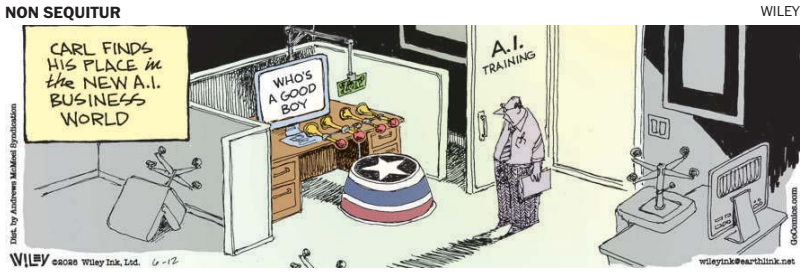

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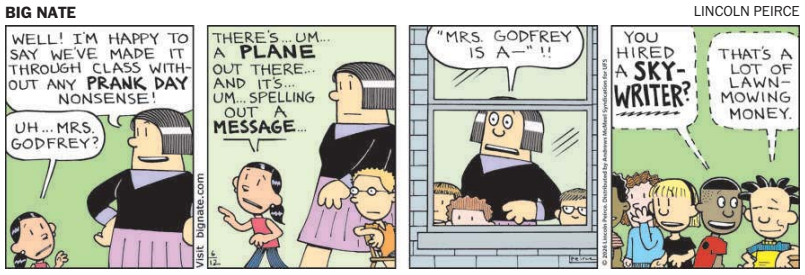

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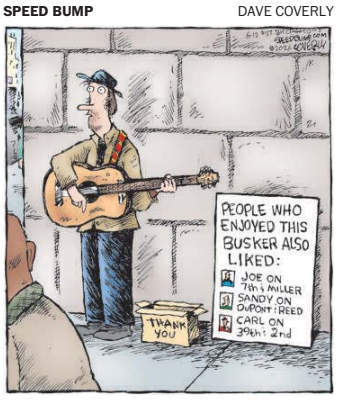

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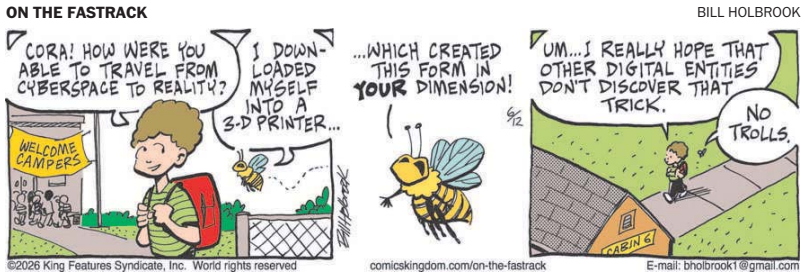

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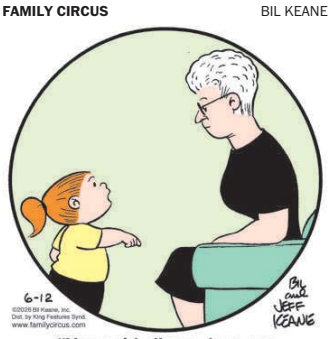

"You said all our days are numbered, Grandma. What number is today?"

REPLY ALL LITE DONNA A. LEWIS

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TELEVISION

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7.1 WJLA (ABC)	◆ Wheel	◆ **Jeopard**..	◆ **Toy Story 30 Years**		◆ **20/20**				◆ **News**
9.1 WUSA (CBS)	◆ Inside	◆ **ET**	◆ Sheriff Country		◆ Fire Country		◆ Boston Blue		◆ **9 News**
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22.1 WMPT (PBS)	◆ State	◆ Artworks	◆ Dalgliesh		◆ Concert for George				◆ 60s 70s
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32.1 WHUT (PBS)	◆ Opportun	◆ Journey	◆ Amen Music		◆ Wham-Swing		◆ In Their Own Words		◆ BBCNe..
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A&E	Crime in Progress		Crime in Progress		Crime in Progress		Crime in Progress		Crime-Pr.
AMC	(5:00) Movie: True Lies ★★★ (1994)		Movie: Knives Out ★★★ (2019) A detective questions a dead writer's dysfunctional family.						**You're** (P)
Animal Planet	Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters		Treehouse
BET	(6:00) Movie: Brothers (2001)			Movie: You Got Served ★★ (2004)					Martin
Bravo	The McBee Dynasty		The McBee Dynasty		The McBee Dynasty		Movie: The Super Mario Bros. Movie ★★ (2023)		
Cartoon Network	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick Morty	Rick Morty
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ESPN	**2026 Men's College World Series** Ole Miss vs. North Carolina						**SportsCenter** (Live)		**SportCtr** (Live)
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Freeform	(6:25) Movie: Up ★★★ (2009)			Movie: Ratatouille ★★★ (2007) A French rat longs to become a chef.					The 700 Club
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MSNBC	**The Weeknight** (Live)		**All in With Chr.** (Live)		**The Briefing** (Live)		**Last Word** (Live)		**The 11th**
MTV	Movie: The Longest Yard ★★ (2005)					Movie: Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story (2004)			
Nat'l Geographic	Catch a Smuggler		Catch a Smuggler		Catch a Smuggler		Catch a Smuggler		Smuggler
Nickelodeon	Movie: Sing ★★★ (2016)					Friends	Big Bang	BigBang	BigBang
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Syfy	(6:30) Movie: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 ★★★ (2011)					Movie: The Day After Tomorrow ★★ (2004)			
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Jokers
TCM	(6:15) Movie: Rocking Horse Winner (1949)		Movie: Scarlet Street ★★★ (1945)				Movie: The Killers ★★★★ (1946)		
TLC	(6:00) 90 Day Fiancé		**90 Day Fiancé**				**90 Day**	Last Resort	
TNT	(6:00) Movie: Godzilla vs. Kong ★★ (2021)			Movie: Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire ★★ (2024) Godzilla and the almighty Kong face a colossal threat.					Movie: Deep Bl...
Travel	The Dead Files		The Dead Files		The Dead Files		The Dead Files		Dead Files
TruTV	**Banana Ball World Tour**				Movie: **Bend It Like Beckham** ★★★ (2002) (P)				
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VH1	My Wife	My Wife	Movie: Daddy Day Care ★★ (2003) (P)				Movie: Guess Who ★★ (2005)		
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A1	S1	E1	X8	U1	A1	L1	RACK 3 =	92
B3	A1	K5	L1	A1	V4	A1	RACK 4 =	66

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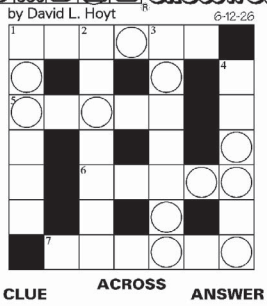
JUMBLE CROSSWORDS

by David L. Hoyt 6-12-26



ACROSS

CLUE
1. Pulled
5. ___ detector
6. Type in
7. Inner self

ANSWER
GEGTDU
DRRAA
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PYCEHS

DOWN

CLUE
1. Flourish
2. Female deity
3. Inconsistent
4. Accuse formally

ANSWER
HVEITR
DSGSDEO
RTIEACR
CGHAER

CLUE: This actor, whose middle name is Tiffany, attended college on a gymnastics scholarship.

BONUS

How to play: Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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HOROSCOPE

BIRTHDAY | JUNE 12: You have wide-ranging interests and are open to change. You're curious, innovative and thoughtful. This is a slower paced year. Take time to rejuvenate your energy. Focus on business and personal relationships and hang out with people who have your back. Concentrate on your needs and what brings you happiness.

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping (except for food and gas) or important decisions from 3 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. today. After that, the Moon moves from Taurus into Gemini.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)
This is your kind of day because it's full of potential adventure and fun and games. Above all, be open to trying something new and different. (You might have no choice.) Take a spontaneous short trip. See new places and meet new faces. Jot down clever new ideas.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)
Be smart and keep an eye on your banking situation today as well as your cash and your possessions to protect yourself from loss, theft or damage. This is because something unexpected could impact these areas. Stay on top of things to avoid regrets.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)
Today the Moon is in your sign, which gives you a slight edge over all the other signs. (We like!) However, the Moon is also lined up with wild, wacky, unpredictable Uranus, which means you feel impulsive, and this day is slightly accident-prone. Keep your eyes open.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)
You might feel bit restless today and not know why. This is because your ruler the Moon is hiding, and it is lined up with unpredictable Uranus. Meanwhile, Mercury, Venus and Jupiter are in your sign bringing you many opportunities to enjoy this day, especially through conversation.

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)
Today you might meet a real character. Or perhaps, someone you know will do something that surprises you? Whatever the case, new ideas and new possibilities might emerge from your exchanges with friends and groups. With Mars at the top of your chart — you're up for anything!

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Be aware that the authority figures you encounter today might do something you least expect. For example, you could be busted. Or they might issue an unexpected demand or instruction. Very likely, you'll be caught by surprise.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Travel plans might suddenly change today, be delayed or canceled. Or perhaps you suddenly have to travel when you did not expect to do so. You also might have an opportunity to learn something exciting, fresh and different — something that expands your world.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Double-check banking details and anything that relates to shared wealth, shared property and shared responsibilities. These areas will be impacted by sudden change today. Don't let this situation be one where you snooze you lose.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
This is a lively day! You're up for hard work. However, spouses, partners and close friends also might throw you a curveball or do something you least expect. You might need to be skillful and diplomatic when dealing with someone. (You can do this.)

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Your work routine will be interrupted today. This can be good news, or not so good news. Whatever the case, be smart and give yourself extra time so you have wiggle room to deal with the unexpected. Surprising news related to health or legal matters also might occur.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Parents should be extra vigilant today because this is an accident-prone day for your kids. Be especially vigilant about moving young children away from hazardous situations. Meanwhile, your social scene will be full of surprises today. An unexpected invite might come your way. Perhaps plans will change.

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)
Small appliances might break down today or a minor breakage could occur at home. Something unexpected will impact your domestic routine. Perhaps someone unexpected will knock on the door. Stock the fridge so you're ready for anything.

— Georgia Nicols

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BRIDGE

N-S VULNERABLE

NORTH
♠ 6 2
♥ K 8 3
♦ J 8 7 5
♣ A Q 10 3

WEST
♠ J 9 8 5 4
♥ 9 7 6 5
♦ A 2
♣ 7 2

EAST
♠ K 10 7
♥ Q J 10 4
♦ 9 6 3
♣ K 6 5

SOUTH (D)
♠ A Q 3
♥ A 2
♦ K Q 10 4
♣ J 9 8 4

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All Pass

Opening lead — ♠ 5

My daughter was blessed with a series of great teachers. (My parents were educators; I've always regarded teachers with awe.) Still, the best teacher is experience, except that some people never graduate.

Today's West led a low spade against 3NT: deuce, king, ace. South then let the nine of clubs ride, and East took the king and returned the 10 of spades. South played low and won the third spade. When he led a diamond next, West took the ace — and two more spades. Down one.

Since West's long spades are a threat, South must force out West's possible entry early, before his suit is set up. At Trick Two South starts the diamonds.

If West takes the ace and leads another spade, South plays low, wins the third spade and finesses in clubs. When East wins, he has no more spades, and South makes an overtrick. If East had a spade left, South would lose only two spades, a diamond and a club.

It was a textbook exercise. Let's hope South profited from the experience.

DAILY QUESTION
You hold:
♠ J 9 8 5 4 ♥ 9 7 6 5
♦ A 2 ♣ 7 2

The dealer, at your left, opens one heart. Your partner doubles, you respond ("advance") one spade, and he raises to two spades. What do you say?

ANSWER: Focus on how much weaker your hand might be. You have a fifth spade and an ace, and partner has undertaken an eight-trick contract without knowing you held either feature. His hand should be worth at least 17 points. If you trust him, bid three spades.

— Frank Stewart

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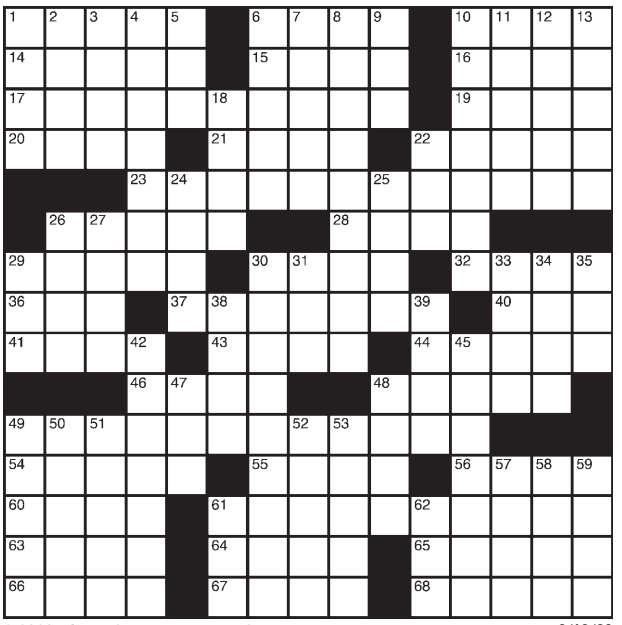
LA TIMES CROSSWORD

By Emma Oxford



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ACROSS
1 Easter month, often
6 Apple resource with curated guides
10 Bygone handhelds, for short
14 Lift a finger?
15 Landed
16 Reply to "I'm sure they'll be fine without you," perhaps
17 Soap that's easy to conceal?
19 Low-carb diet
20 Hunk
21 Setting of the graphic novel "Persepolis"
22 Arrive
23 Soap that could use a friend?
26 Estimate from a contractor
28 "Me too"
29 Relish
30 Big name in gaming monitors
32 Dec. holiday
36 Goal
37 Soap that's super popular?
40 Computer file suffix
41 School gps.
43 Root vegetable related to Swiss chard
44 SF NFLer
46 Astronomical light show
48 Birthplace of K-pop
49 Soap that's falling apart?
54 Signs on for another tour
55 Pop diva Celine
56 American white __: Gulf Coast bird
60 Org. with sponsored Medicare plans
61 Soap that's perfect for adding color to a shower routine?
63 Pop sensation
64 Have too little of
65 Bowie's role in "The Prestige"
66 Where Anheuser-Busch is BUD
67 Some specialist MDs
68 Autumn bloom

DOWN
1 Starters, casually
2 Combine
3 Costa __
4 Test pattern?
5 5G precursor
6 Spanish parent
7 Cover name
8 Support for a key player?
9 Mo. town
10 Progress tracker for one trying to "catch 'em all"
11 Caused by
12 When the fate of Ophelia is revealed
13 Sparkled
18 Prong
22 Jewel
24 Letters of equivocation
25 Harry's accomplice in "Home Alone"
26 Walk out
27 Home of the NCAA's Black Knights
29 Word with age or wage
30 Took off right after dinner
31 Rock & Roll HoF city
33 Grubhub link
34 Rink leap
35 Title for a knight in Westeros
38 Short "Duh"
39 Over again
42 Maker of Trop-a-Rocka tea
45 Charges, in a way
47 Gives a thumbs-up
48 Performed in a choir
49 Scarecrow's desire
50 Good to go
51 Money in Monaco
52 SF MLBer
53 Taboos
57 One-up
58 Tropical spot
59 Movie lead
61 Be in arrears
62 GPS prediction

THURSDAY'S LA TIMES SOLUTION

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SPORTS
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Artists perform during the World Cup's opening ceremony at Mexico City's Estadio Azteca before co-host Mexico topped South Africa, 2-0, to begin the tournament.

A 'cathedral of football'

The World Cup kicks off in North America at Estadio Azteca — Mexico's soccer mecca

BY SAMANTHA SCHMIDT

MEXICO CITY — It's a spectacle unlike any other in sports.

For the next 39 days, billions of people around the world will tune in to the largest sporting event ever staged, with an expanded 48 countries competing in 104 games in cities across the United States, Mexico and Canada.

The World Cup has arrived, and it kicked off in a stadium of soccer legend, the only venue to host three opening matches in a World Cup: The towering Estadio Azteca.

It's where Pelé lifted his World Cup in 1970; where Italy beat West Germany that same year in the "match of the century"; where Diego Maradona scored his "Hand of God" goal in 1986.

"It's a real cathedral of football," FIFA President Gianni Infantino told reporters Wednesday, of the stadium FIFA has "debranded" as Mexico City Stadium. "It's definitely a part of the world that is blessed by the god of football."

The lead-up to Thursday's opening

SEE WORLD CUP ON B9

PAOLA GARCIA/REUTERS

Mexico fans were treated to pregame festivals, protests outside of Estadio Azteca and a spectacle of an opening ceremony before their team put on a winning show.

United States vs. Paraguay, 9 p.m., Fox, Peacock

DC Open lineup has big names, rising stars

Fritz, Mboko and Tiafoe highlight tennis event's 15 early commitments

BY BAILEY JOHNSON

Some of the top tennis talent in America will be on display in Washington this summer as the DC Open returns for its 57th year.

Fifteen players have already committed to play, the event announced Thursday, shaping up a field highlighted by three top-10 players, two Grand Slam champions, four Grand Slam finalists and four former DC Open champions.

Six players ranked in the top 20 will compete at William H.G. FitzGerald Tennis Center in Rock Creek Park from July 25 to Aug. 2. That number could grow as more players solidify their summer plans in the run-up to the U.S. Open later in August.

The tournament has sold out every session since 2019 and has already sold 75 percent of the tickets for this year after the full-session renewal process. Mark Ein, the tournament chair

SEE D.C. OPEN ON B9

Carolina on the cusp of its second Stanley Cup

HURRICANES 4, GOLDEN KNIGHTS 2

BY AARON BEARD
Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Andrei Svechnikov scored twice and Sebastian Aho added a second-period goal in a breakout game for Carolina's top-line performers, helping the Hurricanes beat the Vegas Golden Knights, 4-2, on Thursday night to move within a victory of winning the Stanley Cup.

Captain Jordan Staal added his fifth goal in the series on a night when Carolina overcame multiple hiccups from these playoffs, from a shaky power play to being outplayed in the second period of this series.

And there had been the waiting game for Aho and Svechnikov — two roster mainstays in an

SEE STANLEY CUP ON B9

Hurricanes at Golden Knights
Sunday, 8 p.m., ABC
Carolina leads series 3-2

Reinvigorated in a New York minute

Knicks comeback sparked an epic night around Madison Square Garden

BY ALBERT SAMAHA

NEW YORK — From all over the city, they marched in, looking for the party and knowing just where to go.

All playoffs, all spring, New York Knicks fans have celebrated wins and mourned losses outside the place they call basketball mecca. But Wednesday night, before Game 4, there was a problem: The police had barricaded the blocks around Madison Square Garden, funneling bodies this way and that, away from the place where the Knicks would go on to make the greatest comeback in NBA Finals history.

So, where to?

"Just follow the noise," Nick Waga said. He's 20, lives in Manhattan and had watched the game at a nearby bar. He found his way to the mass of people gathered on 9th Avenue and 33rd Street, at the edge of the barricades, next to the old post office building lit up in orange and blue. "This is where the action is."

Inside the Garden, the Knicks' gritty play has them one win away from their first title in *53* years, an improbable postseason run by a team with only modest preseason title hopes. But the story of spring has happened *outside* the Garden, from the perimeter of the arena to the watch parties, planned and ad hoc, that have turned the city into a roiling, month-long fan fest.

If the Knicks manage to win a title in the next week, Wednesday's mayhem will look, in hindsight, something like a tee-ball pizza party. But for the moment…

A guy in a Carmelo Anthony jersey was climbing a light post, riling up the crowd at 33rd and 9th. With a forest of raised cellphones recording him, he lifted an arm in triumph, his other arm wrapped around the post, feet balanced on the stoplight.

Then he did something that terrified and thrilled everybody: He swung onto the horizontal stoplight pole, gripped it with all his might, and did a pull up. Then another, and another, the crowd counting along. After he completed his fifth, he hooked an arm around the pole and stretched out his other, holding out five fingers, and screamed, "Knicks in five!" The crowd lost it.

Barely an hour earlier, such revelry seemed impossible. The Knicks had fallen behind by 29 points. The vibes were ruined, the homestand obviously cursed.

Game 3, on Monday, had been a mess: President Donald Trump's attendance required security protocols that caused snaking lines outside the arena, a heavy police presence and a perimeter of tall fences. When his face appeared on the big screens during the national anthem, fans greeted him with thunderous boos.

After the game, which the Knicks lost, viral videos showed

SEE NBA FINALS ON B9

Game 5: Knicks at Spurs
Saturday, 8:30 p.m., ABC
New York leads series 3-1

ADAM GRAY/GETTY IMAGES

Knicks fans run through Midtown Manhattan on Wednesday, when the whole city was a watch party.

THE DAY IN SPORTS

HOCKEY

Lightning's Kucherov wins NHL MVP award

Nikita Kucherov of the Tampa Bay Lightning won the Hart Trophy as NHL MVP, the second such honor of his career after also winning the Hart in 2019.

The league announced the news Thursday before Game 5 of the Stanley Cup finals.

Kucherov led all players with 1.71 points a game on 44 goals and 86 assists. With 130 points, he ranked second to only Edmonton's **Connor McDavid**, who had 138.

McDavid was a close second by 10 points in voting by members of the Professional Hockey Writers Association. Colorado's **Nathan MacKinnon** was third and San Jose's **Macklin Celebrini** fourth. ...

Defenseman **Darnell Nurse** provided the Oilers with a short list of teams he would be willing to be traded to, a person familiar with the situation told the Associated Press.

Nurse has spent his entire NHL career with Edmonton since being selected with the seventh pick in the 2013 draft. He helped the team make seven consecutive playoff appearances including back-to-back trips to the Stanley Cup finals in 2024 and '25.

But a first-round exit this season could lead to a roster shake-up with the hope of getting over the hump while captain McDavid and longtime running mate **Leon Draisaitl** are in their primes.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Texas AG warns Big 12 of possible legal fight

The Texas attorney general's office warned the Big 12 of potential legal action from Texas Tech as the conference considers what to do after quarterback **Brendan Sorsby** won a court order restoring his eligibility and setting aside his ban by the NCAA for gambling on pro and college sports.

Big 12 Commissioner **Brett Yormark** said the notice came shortly before the start of the league's executive board meeting to discuss its options in the Sorsby situation.

The temporary injunction issued Monday by a Texas district court prevents the NCAA from enforcing its permanent ban of Sorsby, a decision that sent shock waves across college sports.

The transfer was ruled ineligible after he acknowledged years of gambling that included at least 40 bets on his own team while he was a freshman at Indiana. Texas Tech said he has completed a month-long inpatient treatment program and will continue to receive treatment and support while being monitored.

The letter from the Texas AG's office specifically references a conference bylaw that, with a supermajority vote, could result in sanctioning a school that has "engaged in any action or a course of conduct materially adverse to the best interests of the conference taken as a whole."

The AG's office said any sanctions against Texas Tech for "acting consistent" with the district court injunction "would be a per se violation of federal and state antitrust laws — a naked horizontal agreement among competitors to disadvantage Texas Tech by cutting off access to the resources it needs to compete."

The Texas attorney general, **Ken Paxton**, is the Republican nominee for the Senate race in the state this fall.

PRO FOOTBALL

Reid expects Mahomes ready for training camp

Kansas City Chiefs quarterback **Patrick Mahomes** made it through the team's offseason program just months after surgery to repair two ligaments in his left knee, and Coach **Andy Reid** is optimistic that the two-time NFL MVP will be ready for training camp next month.

Mahomes was excused from the traditional running test that Reid uses to wrap up his mandatory minicamps. But even that conditioning test, Reid said, Mahomes "probably could've done it and made it, I'm sure, with will." ...

Denver Broncos Coach **Sean Payton** signed a five-year contract extension through the 2030 season, owner and CEO **Greg Penner** announced.

Payton is 33-21 including playoffs in three seasons in Denver. Last season, Denver went 14-3 and was the AFC's top seed in the playoffs, where it lost to the New England Patriots in the conference championship game with starting quarterback **Bo Nix** sidelined with a broken right ankle. ...

The Atlanta Falcons acquired reserve offensive tackle **Wanya Morris** and a seventh-round pick from the Chiefs for a sixth-round selection in next year's draft, a person familiar with the trade told the Associated Press. ...

Ex-NFL player **Henry Ruggs** was denied parole nearly five years after killing a woman in a car crash in Las Vegas, the Nevada Board of Parole Commissioners ruled.

Ruggs, a former first-round draft pick and Raiders wide receiver, drove his sports car at speeds up to 156 mph in the city on Nov. 2, 2021, slamming into a vehicle that killed driver **Tina Tintor** and her dog, **Max**. Tintor was 23.

Ruggs pleaded guilty in May 2023 to felony DUI causing death and misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter. He was sentenced in August 2023 to a three- to-10-year prison sentence.

Former NFL linebacker **Darron Lee** was indicted on a first-degree murder charge in the death of his partner.

Lee, 31, is accused of killing **Gabriella Perpetuo**, 29, in February. A medical examiner listed Perpetuo's cause of death as multiple blunt force injuries, and the autopsy report listed 12 different injuries, including multiple hematomas, bone fractures and stab wounds.

PRO BASKETBALL.

Boston, Clark enable Fever to outlast Sky

Aliyah Boston had 34 points and 12 rebounds, **Caitlin Clark** added 32 points and 10 assists, and the Indiana Fever beat the Chicago Sky, 114-106, in overtime in Indianapolis.

Sydney Taylor led Chicago with 30 points. **Skylar Diggins** added 21 points for the Sky, including a three-pointer that forced overtime. ...

Breanna Stewart had 19 points — one of five New York players to score at least 16 points — and 11 rebounds as the Liberty beat the Atlanta Dream, 104-90, in College Park, Georgia.

Angel Reese had 25 points and nine rebounds for the Dream.

GOLF

Mickelson accused of unwanted contact

Phil Mickelson has been kicked out of a San Diego golf club over allegations he made unwanted physical contact with a female employee, Golf Digest reported.

Golf Digest cited multiple sources as saying Mickelson is no longer welcome at The Farms Golf Club in Rancho Santa Fe, California, where the six-time major champion has played and practiced for decades. The unwanted contact was said to have happened earlier this spring.

Golf Digest cited sources in reporting Mickelson approached the woman in the clubhouse and made nonconsensual and inappropriate physical contact with her. The woman rejected his advances and reported it to her supervisors. ...

Brooks Koepka finally saw some putts go in and they fell in bunches at the end as he made four birdies on the last five holes for a 6-under-par 64 to share the lead with five other players in the PGA Tour's Canadian Open in Caledon, Ontario.

Koepka, who opened with a 63 in his previous start at The CJ CUP Byron Nelson, has yet to seriously contend since returning from years on the LIV Golf circuit.

Koepka, whose second U.S. Open title was in 2018 at Shinnecock Hills — the site of next week's Open — holed a 20-foot birdie putt on the 14th hole to get his big run started. It ended with a 10-foot birdie putt on the 17th and a wedge to 5 feet for birdie on the 18th. ...

Gemma Dryburgh of Scotland and **Nicole Broch Estrup** of Denmark were one of three teams to shoot a 3-under 67 to share the lead at the first round of the Dow Championship at Midland (Michigan) Country Club.

Dryburgh and Broch Estrup are tied with **Camille Boyd** and China's **Michelle Zhang** as well as **Gurleen Kaur** and Australia's **Hira Naveed** in the LPGA's lone team event. The 72 teams played foursomes (alternate shot) Thursday and will play four-ball (best-ball) Friday; after a 36-hole cut, it will be foursomes on Saturday and four-ball Sunday.

World No. 1 **Nelly Korda**, winner of the first two majors of the year, teamed up with Germany's **Olivia Cowan** and opened with an even-par 70.

TENNIS

S. Williams's return to court hits early snag

Serena Williams's much-hyped comeback to professional tennis at the Queen's Club lasted just one match.

The 44-year-old's doubles partner, 19-year-old Canadian **Victoria Mboko**, was forced to withdraw from the draw from the London event because of a knee injury she sustained in a singles match against **Karolina Pliskova** in the last 16 on Wednesday.

Williams, who won 23 Grand Slam singles titles, is set to play doubles at the Berlin Open in Germany next week. Her partner has yet to be announced, though British newspaper The Times of London reported it was **Karolina Muchova**. ...

Elena-Gabriela Ruse of Romania saved eight of nine break points and knocked off No. 3 seed **Elise Mertens** of Belgium, 6-3, 6-3, to advance to the quarterfinals at the Libema Open in 's-Hertogenbosch, Netherlands.

The only seeded player to advance was Czech No. 8 **Barbora Krejcikova**, a 6-1, 6-4 winner over Belgium's **Hanne Vandewinkel**. Austria's **Anastasia Potapova**, the fifth seed, retired because of illness down 6-1, 2-0 to Turkey's **Zeynep Sonmez**.

Robin Montgomery, an American ranked No. 484 in the world, took down Belgium's **Greet Minnen**, 6-4, 7-6 (7-4). ...

In London, all matches at the WTA's HSBC Championships were rained out. ...

Amid players' calls for a bigger share of revenue, Wimbledon announced 20 percent increases in total prize money and for the singles champions, who will earn 3.6 million pounds ($4.8 million) each at the grass-court Grand Slam next month.

The total prize money including player per diems will be 64.2 million pounds ($85.8 million), described as "by far" the biggest annual increase in the tournament's history.

Wimbledon, the oldest Grand Slam tournament, begins June 29.

SOCCER

It's official: Mourinho back at Real Madrid

Real Madrid is bringing back **José Mourinho** for a second stint some 13 years after he left the club, the Spanish powerhouse said.

The Portuguese coach received a three-year contract, the club said. Now 63, Mourinho has seen his career dim after a frustrating spell at Manchester United from 2016-2018. Since then, he has coached at Tottenham, Roma, Fenerbahce, and, last season, Benfica. ...

Wolverhampton fired manager **Rob Edwards** following the team's relegation from the English Premier League.

MISC.

Elite French sailor Dalin dies at age 42

French sailor **Charlie Dalin**, who won the around-the-world race Vendee Globe in record time last year, died of cancer at 42.

Vendee Globe organizers announced his death, and French President **Emmanuel Macron** paid tribute to "an extraordinary sailor, a rare example of courage, a guiding light on the open sea."

Dalin was diagnosed with gastrointestinal cancer in 2023 but did not make it public before he completed his 2024-25 solo journey in less than 65 days, nearly 10 days faster than the previous mark — and making up for missing out on the victory in the previous edition. ...

World ski federation leader **Johan Eliasch** was ousted in a tight presidential election after a campaign led by the sport's heartland nations in Europe and North America that was backed by top skiers including **Mikaela Shiffrin**.

The billionaire owner of the Head sports goods business lost a 65-64 vote to **Alexander Ospelt**, a lawyer from Liechtenstein who got a four-year term to lead the International Ski and Snowboard Federation (FIS).

— From news services

SPOTLIGHT: WORLD CUP

CARL RECINE/GETTY IMAGES

Raul Jimenez scored his team's second goal, a header in the 66th minute, to send Mexico bounding past South Africa on Thursday in Group A as the 23rd playing of the World Cup, soccer's biggest event, began at historic Azteca Stadium.

Co-hosts shine in rip-roaring and red kickoff

BY CARLOS RODRIGUEZ

MEXICO 2, SOUTH AFRICA 0

Mexicans thrill home fans, and three players are sent off

MEXICO CITY — Mexico made an immediate impression on the largest World Cup in history, giving the roaring home crowd at the iconic Azteca Stadium a huge jolt of excitement four years after a major disappointment.

Mexico's players understood the intense pressure and high expectations they were facing on Thursday in the opening match of the first 48-team World Cup tournament. But they embraced their role and got off to a winning start by beating South Africa, 2-0, in a match that also produced three red cards.

"I made an effort to explain to them what a World Cup and an opening match on home soil meant, but they are young and had to experience it for themselves," said Mexico Coach Javier Aguirre, who played for his team the last time Mexico hosted the tournament in 1986. "I can no longer talk about having played in a home World Cup, because they already know what it's like."

Julián Quiñones and Raúl Jiménez scored the goals for Mexico, which is co-hosting the 2026 tournament with Canada and the United States.

The Mexicans rebounded from the massive disappointment of being eliminated after the group stage four years ago in Qatar. That followed seven straight trips to the round the 16 — an achievement that became more of a curse for failing to reach the quarterfinals.

But there is hope this year. Mexico has reached the quarterfinals twice in its history, and both times it was the host country — in 1970 and 1986. Aguirre was on that team in 1986.

In front of a capacity crowd of 80,824, Mexico got working fast and took the lead in the ninth minute when Quiñones scored. Jiménez added the second goal on a header in 66th — his 46th for Mexico but first in three World Cup tournaments.

With his goal, Jiménez moved into a tie with Jared Borgetti for second place in scoring for Mexico's national team. He is six goals shy of leader Javier "Chicharito" Hernández. Jiménez wears a protective headguard because he was seriously injured in November 2020 while playing for Wolverhampton Wanderers in an English Premier League match against Arsenal. He fractured his skull and had to have surgery. He was out for eight months and returned in July 2021.

South Africa players Sphephelo Sithole and Themba Zwane were both given red cards, forcing the team to finish the match with only nine players. Mexico defender César Montes was then given a red card in injury time. It was the first time there were three red cards given in the opening match of a World Cup tournament.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

MLB

6:45 p.m.	**Seattle at Washington** » Nationals.TV, WJFK (106.7 FM)
7:05 p.m.	**San Diego at Baltimore** » MASN, WIYY (97.9 FM), WSBN (630 AM)
7:15 p.m.	**Atlanta at New York Mets** » Apple TV
7:15 p.m.	**Arizona at Cincinnati** » Apple TV
7:30 p.m.	**New York Yankees at Toronto** » MLB Network
10:30 p.m.	**Chicago Cubs at San Francisco** » MLB Network (joined in progress)

WNBA

7:30 p.m.	**Toronto at Washington** » Ion
10 p.m.	**Golden State at Seattle** » Ion

MEN'S WORLD CUP — GROUP STAGE

3 p.m.	**Bosnia vs. Canada** » WTTG (Ch. 5), WBFF (Ch. 45)
9 p.m.	**Paraguay vs. United States** » WTTG (Ch. 5), WBFF (Ch. 45)

AUTO RACING

3 p.m.	**ARCA Menards Series: Pocono 150** » Fox Sports 1

GOLF

11 a.m.	**LPGA Tour: Dow Championship, second round** » Golf Channel
3 p.m.	**PGA Tour: Canadian Open, second round** » Golf Channel
6 p.m.	**Curtis Cup, first round** » Golf Channel

TENNIS

5 a.m.	**ATP/WTA: Libéma Open, quarterfinals; ATP: Stuttgart Open, quarterfinals; WTA: HSBC Championships, quarterfinals** » Tennis Channel

GOLF

11 a.m.	**LPGA Tour: Dow Championship, second round** » Golf Channel
3 p.m.	**PGA Tour: Canadian Open, second round** » Golf Channel
6 p.m.	**Curtis Cup, first round** » Golf Channel

PROFESSIONAL BEACH VOLLEYBALL

6 p.m.	**Association of Volleyball Professionals: Miami, first day** » CBS Sports Network

BASEBALL

7 p.m.	**Banana Ball: Party Animals vs. Loco Beach Coconuts** » TruTV

COLLEGE BASEBALL — WORLD SERIES

2 p.m.	**Troy vs. West Virginia** » ESPN
7 p.m.	**Mississippi vs. North Carolina** » ESPN

MEN'S COLLEGE TRACK AND FIELD

8 p.m.	**Men's outdoor championships, third day** » ESPN2

In Mexico City, World Cup kicks off at a soccer monument

WORLD CUP FROM B7

match between Mexico and South Africa — a 2-0 triumph for the host nation — has collided with the Trump administration's immigration crackdown and faced scrutiny over exorbitant ticket prices. It's the first tournament in which a host country, the United States, is at war with one of its competing teams, Iran.

But for tens of thousands of fans who poured into the stadium in a sea of green, this is Mexico's World Cup. The streets were lined with Mexico's orange marigold flowers. Police officers and National Guard troops stood watch; mariachis and dancers performed for the fans converging from around the country and around the world.

In Mexico City, the largest city in North America and infamous for its heavy traffic, classes were canceled and employees were urged to work from home. Protests from the country's teachers union threatened to disrupt the tournament at the 11th hour. Large crowds of demonstrators blocked streets in various parts of the city Thursday, and one group clashed with security forces outside the stadium during the game.

SILVIA IZQUIERDO/AP

Thursday's opening ceremony took place at Mexico City's Estadio Azteca, which has been the scene of some of soccer's biggest moments.

The fans of "El Tri," as Mexico's team is known, had grown up hearing the stories of the greats who played in the Azteca. But for many in the stands, this game would be the first, and perhaps only, opportunity to see a World Cup opening here. Two couples from Guadalajara paid $1,300 a ticket to attend the inaugural match. Even though their city is hosting a game, they wanted to be here, to hear the tens of thousands in the stands singing their country's national anthem.

"It's a mythical stadium, it's the place that crowned Maradona and Pelé!" said Rafael González, 26, with a Mexican flag painted on his cheeks. "This is something you only live once."

Mexican fans have long yearned to see their team advance beyond the Round of 16, from which the team was famously knocked out in seven consecutive World Cups. In 2022, the team failed to advance out of the group stage.

But those in the stands on Thursday said they were placing their hopes in a home World Cup advantage this time. The high altitude of Mexico City's stadium, at 7,200 feet above sea level, could test some teams but not El Tri. The team boasts the youngest player in the tournament, Gilberto Mora, who is 17. María Estrada beamed as she took a photo with her three cousins in front of the stadium, just before heading in for the match. The four Mexico fans, all in their 20s, were able to attend the game because their grandfather had purchased box seats for the stadium 50 years ago.

They initially weren't sure they'd be able to use the stadium seats, they said, because of an initial standoff with FIFA. But after negotiations, box holders like Estrada's family learned they could go. Their box had four seats, just enough for each of the grandchildren. They never met their grandfather, but if he were alive, he would be there, they agreed.

As kickoff neared, the sun broke through the clouds, on a perfect 70-degree day. Red and green fireworks erupted as the crowd roared: "Mexico! Mexico!"

Shakira, the global superstar whose songs have become inseparable from the World Cup, performed the tournament's official song, "Dai Dai," with Burna Boy. The Colombian pop star, along with Madonna and BTS, will perform at the first-ever FIFA World Cup final halftime show on July 19 at MetLife Stadium in New Jersey.

In a ceremony reminiscent of the Olympics, a representative from each country in the tournament walked onto the field carrying a flag before a performance from Andrea Bocelli. As they sang their battle-cry national anthem, Mexicans in the stands held their right hands at the center of their chests. And just before the countdown to kickoff, the crowds tossed FIFA-provided paper hats into the crowd, creating a shower of green sombreros.

They counted down from 10 in Spanish with a public address announcer, then roared as their beloved El Tri controlled the kickoff. If the referee blew his whistle, you couldn't hear it.

The Mexican team dominated in front of the crowd of 80,824, but at times struggled to keep up its early goal scoring momentum, and some in the crowd grew impatient as El Tri missed one attempt after another. After the referee called a red card that ousted South African defender Yaya Sithole — the first of two red cards against the team — México failed to take advantage of the free kick.

But then, with a header, Mexican forward Raul Jiménez scored El Tri's second goal. He leaped in celebration, pointing two fingers in the air.

Knicks' grand comeback fuels New York hysteria

NBA FINALS FROM B7

people in Knicks gear mobbing San Antonio Spurs fans, ripping off their jerseys. One Spurs fan who tried to defend himself ended up thrown to the ground, his jersey stripped off and his face bloodied. At Bryant Park, where the city hosted a watch party, fights broke out after the game, leading to nearly two dozen arrests. Mayor Zohran Mamdani, celebrity Knicks fans and players on both teams condemned the violence.

Then, on Wednesday afternoon, Knicks fans arrived early to snag a spot at the watch party the team hosts outside the arena. But it had been canceled because team owner James Dolan was upset that the city was restricting the area to the 1,000 people the gathering was officially permitted for.

Police directed fans to the city-sanctioned watch party at Central Park, but Central Park is not basketball mecca.

Had the Knicks squandered their fortunes? As the Spurs charged to the biggest halftime lead a road team had ever built in the Finals, the arena fell into an anxious silence.

Whether fueled by the Wu-Tang Clan, who performed at halftime, or Jalen Brunson, who spearheaded the comeback with heroic buckets, or the crowd, which didn't stay silent for long, the Knicks eventually turned their fate. When OG Anunoby tipped in the game-winning basket, the whole city erupted in stunned jubilation.

A pack of Long Island teens hustled down from Central Park. A 23-year-old watched the comeback on his phone, rushing over from the Bronx. Another group of teens, who scored tickets to the game, inched along with the mass of spectators out of the arena and onto the street.

"We're gonna go crazy with everybody," one said.

"Wherever is open to go crazy at," his friend responded.

"Responsibly of course," the third added.

Officers guided people toward the subway stations, away from the arena, splitting the crowd across several funnel points, perhaps hoping to dissipate the rowdy energy. But the crowd found a way to converge beyond the barricades. By the time the guy in the Carmelo jersey climbed down from the post, a mass of bodies had expanded across 9th Avenue, blocking traffic.

It was mostly young people, teenagers and 20-somethings, high on the night of their lives. They captured every moment on their phones and hammed it up for the cameras pointed their way, swag surfing and chanting "F--- Wemby!"

A boom box boomed. Joints were lit and passed, their scent filling the streets. Officers stood along the fences, eyes scanning for trouble.

The New York Police Department said later that arrests were made after the game. But no signs of violence emerged here. It was a community vibe on this corner.

One young man, shortly after completing a backflip in the middle of a dance circle, found a phone on the ground. He climbed up the pole and announced: "Who lost their phone?" And the crowd hushed, looking around for whichever poor soul had been detached from their essential device.

"There are some people who do too much," 22-year-old David Angelou said, "but at the end of the day, we're just a happy city with some happy people."

Here they were, lucky enough to be young when their favorite team lifted the city into ecstasy. They shared stories, at least when pestered by a reporter: A boy from Queens recounted staying up late watching games on his iPad with his dad. Others said they had hazy youthful memories of Linsanity, that incandescent stretch when Jeremy Lin emerged from obscurity to lead the team to improbable victories. But this team was theirs. One day, they would tell their kids about what it was like watching their hero Brunson take down Goliaths.

"Something to appreciate," said Anthony, a 20-year-old from the Bronx who declined to give his last name.

The community vibes were paused when the Spurs team buses rolled by. The crowd met them with jeers and curses. Several water bottles were thrown, smacking windows. Later, fans said, they saw a Spurs fan get his jersey ripped off.

To many young Knicks fans, that was inevitable.

"If you're wearing a Spurs jersey, I feel bad for you," said Austin Duarte, a 19-year-old from the Bronx. "You might end up butt naked."

Around 1 a.m., an hour and a half after the game ended, somebody entered the crowd holding up a Spurs jersey like a trophy. Nobody asked where it came from. The crowd gathered around, roaring in excitement, pulling out lighters, trying to burn it.

But this wasn't as easy as expected. The noise died down as the young men trained their focus on the task at hand.

"It's not flammable!" one said.

But New Yorkers are resourceful if nothing else. Somebody brought in a cardboard beer case for kindling and gently placed it on the ground beneath the jersey. Everyone circled around as if at a campfire. Flames rose. Smoke wafted into the night sky. The crowd cheered.

It wasn't long before the police stepped in. A line of officers bulled forward. One doused the flames by pouring out a water bottle. The party was over, at least on this corner. The fans dispersed, taking their celebration elsewhere: The night still young.

Victoria Craw contributed to this report.

DC Open gets early commitments from heavy hitters

D.C. OPEN FROM B7

and a venture capitalist in Washington, said that mark is up from 18 percent when his group took over the tournament in 2019.

Both of last year's champions, Alex de Minaur on the men's side and Leylah Fernandez for the women, will return to Rock Creek Park this summer to defend their titles. De Minaur is ranked sixth on the men's tour and has won 11 ATP titles in his career. Fernandez had a difficult end to the clay-court season with a first-round loss at the French Open, but she has typically been successful on the hard surface she'll see in Washington.

Local favorite Frances Tiafoe, who grew up in Maryland and is currently ranked 26th in the world, will play in his 10th DC Open after reaching the quarterfinals last year. The men's field also features Americans Taylor Fritz, Learner Tien and Tommy Paul. Kei Nishikori, the 2015 DC Open champion and a 12-time ATP tour winner, was given a wild card into the field; the 36-year-old announced in April that he plans to retire at the end of the year.

On the women's side, early commits include Victoria Mboko, currently ranked ninth in the world and the player Serena Williams selected as her doubles partner in her return to competitive tennis.

Williams's sister, Venus, will play in Washington again after beginning her own comeback in D.C. last year.

Marta Kostyuk, a breakout star this year with titles in Madrid and Rouen (France) and a semifinalist at the French Open, is also a part of the field.

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Alex De Minaur, ranked No. 6 on the ATP tour, will return to Washington to defend his DC Open title.

"They love coming to D.C.," Ein said. "I think they really love our fans, and I get so many compliments on the tennis community in Washington and our fan base in Washington. And then we invest a huge amount into the experience they have when they're here: the hotel, the transportation, their experience in the city. We really have made it a huge priority to make it one of their favorite weeks of the year."

As the tournament's chair, Ein has pushed for upgrades to the tennis center for years.

The Trump administration has made plans to lease a section of parkland that includes the facility to a private operator, widely believed to be Ein, and those plans have raised concerns among National Park Service officials.

Ein declined to comment on the status of any permanent upgrades or changes at the facility, saying only that "people will see a whole bunch of temporary stuff. We're going to add LED signs and they'll see temporary things."

Hurricanes on the brink of second Stanley Cup title

STANLEY CUP FROM B7

eight-year postseason run — to find a better offensive groove.

It all came together in Game 5, with Svechnikov's short putaway at the post on the power play giving Carolina a 4-1 lead midway through the third period.

And unlike most multi-goal leads in what has been a wild and thrilling series, this one held up, with Brandon Bussi finishing with 22 saves in his second career postseason start.

That gave the Hurricanes a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven series. Game 6 is Sunday night in Las Vegas, with the Hurricanes playing for the chance to hoist the Stanley Cup for the first time since Coach Rod Brind'Amour captained them to the title in 2006.

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Andrei Svechnikov, left, scored two goals Thursday to help put the Hurricanes one win away from a title.

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BASEBALL

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Atlanta	45	23	.662	—	6-4	L-2
Philadelphia	37	31	.544	8	7-3	W-1
Washington	35	34	.507	10½	5-5	L-1
Miami	34	35	.493	11½	8-2	W-5
New York	30	38	.441	15	5-5	W-1

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Milwaukee	41	25	.621	—	6-4	L-2
St. Louis	37	29	.561	4	7-3	L-1
Chicago	35	34	.507	7½	3-7	W-1
Pittsburgh	35	34	.507	7½	4-6	L-1
Cincinnati	32	35	.478	9½	3-7	L-1

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Los Angeles	44	25	.638	—	6-4	W-1
San Diego	35	32	.522	8	3-7	W-1
Arizona	34	34	.500	9½	3-7	L-3
San Francisco	28	41	.406	16	5-5	W-1
Colorado	26	43	.377	18	4-6	L-1

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Tampa Bay	40	25	.615	—	5-5	W-3
New York	41	26	.612	—	6-4	W-4
Toronto	33	36	.478	9	4-6	L-1
Baltimore	33	37	.471	9½	5-5	W-2
Boston	27	39	.409	13½	4-6	L-4

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Chicago	36	31	.537	—	6-4	W-2
Cleveland	37	33	.529	½	3-7	L-4
Minnesota	31	39	.443	6½	4-6	L-1
Detroit	29	40	.420	8	7-3	W-1
Kansas City	28	41	.406	9	6-4	L-2

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Seattle	36	34	.514	—	5-5	L-2
Texas	34	34	.500	1	7-3	W-2
Athletics	33	35	.485	2	5-5	W-2
Houston	31	39	.443	5	4-6	L-2
Los Angeles	27	42	.391	8½	4-6	W-2

NATIONALS' LEADERS

Entering Friday's game.

BATTERS	AVG	OBA	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO
Abrams	.287	.378	71	14	51	29	58
Wiemer	.286	.398	20	3	12	12	29
Ruiz	.274	.296	37	5	27	4	19
Wood	.271	.407	71	18	43	56	96
Lile	.266	.323	72	8	35	23	52
Garcia	.264	.290	55	8	41	8	33
Mead	.242	.349	40	10	29	24	33
Vivas	.238	.319	30	1	9	12	20
Young	.236	.286	50	8	27	11	42
House	.227	.282	37	7	25	13	50
Tena	.210	.269	26	3	13	9	43

PITCHERS	W	L	ERA	IP	H	ER	BB	SO
Ribalta	0	0	1.86	19.1	11	4	7	14
Fernández	0	0	2.25	4	3	1	2	3
Lord	4	0	2.30	43	33	11	12	35
Lovelady	1	2	2.70	20	20	6	15	18
Poulin	3	0	3.28	24.2	20	9	16	17
Griffin	7	2	3.46	78	64	30	21	74
Alvarez	1	0	3.70	24.1	24	10	11	26
Beeter	2	1	3.72	19.1	12	8	13	19
Cavalli	3	4	3.88	69.2	75	30	25	76
Littell	6	4	4.76	64.1	64	34	20	39
Varland	1	1	5.11	24.2	29	14	13	23
Irvin	2	4	5.23	51.2	48	30	22	58
Mikolas	1	5	5.90	61	66	40	16	38
Parker	2	3	5.91	32	35	21	8	28
Henry	0	2	6.00	12	14	8	6	13
Schultz	0	2	6.04	25.1	30	17	10	27
Pérez	2	3	6.19	16	16	11	11	9

NL leaders

Entering Thursday's games.

BATTING

Lopez, Mia	.342
Lee, SF	.338
Arraez, SF	.327
Marsh, Phi	.326
Johnston, Col	.307
Harris, Atl	.306
Edwards, Mia	.304
Baldwin, Atl	.303
Walker, StL	.303

HOME RUNS

Schwarber, Phi	24
Olson, Atl	19
Goodman, Col	18
Wood, Was	18
Walker, StL	17
Harper, Phi	15
Lowe, Pit	15
Happ, Chi	15
Schmitt, SF	15
Pages, LA	15

RBI

Pages, LA	56
Walker, StL	52
Abrams, Was	51
Olson, Atl	50
Hicks, Mia	48
Burleson, StL	47
Cruz, Pit	44

ON-BASE PCT.

Ohtani, LA	.413
Wood, Was	.407
Herrera, StL	.392
Reynolds, Pit	.392
Edwards, Mia	.390
Baldwin, Atl	.389
Horwitz, Pit	.388
Turang, Mil	.386
Abrams, Was	.378

ERA

Misiorowski, Mil	1.500
Sánchez, Phi	1.543
Burns, Cin	2.141
Sale, Atl	2.298
Rodriguez, Ari	2.517
Wrobleski, LA	2.621
Elder, Atl	2.657
Yamamoto, LA	2.677
Skenes, Pit	2.842

SAVES

Miller, SD	18
Duran, Phi	17
O'Brien, StL	17
Sewald, Ari	15
Iglesias, Atl	13
Soto, Pit	9

INNINGS PITCHED

Sánchez, Phi	93⅓
Alcantara, Mia	89⅓
Elder, Atl	84⅓
Imanaga, Chi	81
King, SD	80⅓
Ashcraft, Pit	79⅓
Meyer, Mia	79

STRIKEOUTS

Misiorowski, Mil	116
Sánchez, Phi	113
Sale, Atl	92
Skenes, Pit	89
Burns, Cin	88
Luzardo, Phi	88
Ashcraft, Pit	86
Meyer, Mia	86
McLean, NY	82

AL leaders

Entering Friday's games.

BATTING

Díaz, TB	.331
Alvarez, Hou	.316
Jung, Tex	.309
Clement, Tor	.304
Greene, Det	.301
Duran, Tex	.296
Rice, NY	.295
Arozarena, Sea	.294
Contreras, Bos	.284

HOME RUNS

Alvarez, Hou	22
Murakami, Chi	20
Buxton, Min	20
Rice, NY	18
Judge, NY	17
Langeliers, Ath	17

RBI

Dingler, Det	49
Kurtz, Ath	49
Alvarez, Hou	48
Walker, Hou	48
Díaz, TB	46
Rice, NY	45
Aranda, TB	45

ON-BASE PCT.

Kurtz, Ath	.438
Alvarez, Hou	.430
Ward, Bal	.410
Díaz, TB	.404
McGonigle, Det	.392
Greene, Det	.391
Trout, LA	.391
Rice, NY	.389
Contreras, Bos	.381

ERA

Schlittler, NY	1.866
Martin, Chi	2.413
Martinez, TB	2.433
Messick, Cle	2.678
Rasmussen, TB	2.712
Hancock, Sea	2.736
Soriano, LA	2.963
Ryan, Min	3.066
Ginn, Ath	3.154

SAVES

Smith, Cle	21
Baker, TB	18
Bednar, NY	13
Chapman, Bos	13
Erceg, KC	12
Dominguez, Chi	11
Varland, Tor	11
Latz, Tex	10
Muñoz, Sea	10

INNINGS PITCHED

Wacha, KC	88
Williams, Cle	86⅔
Kirby, Sea	84
Schlittler, NY	82
Soriano, LA	82
Detmers, LA	81
Messick, Cle	80⅓
Eovaldi, Tex	80⅓

STRIKEOUTS

Cease, Tor	103
Williams, Cle	99
Detmers, LA	97
Schlittler, NY	89
Soriano, LA	87
Ryan, Min	84
deGrom, Tex	84
Gilbert, Sea	82
Messick, Cle	82

Tigers 11, Twins 0

Spencer Torkelson hit one of Detroit's six homers and the Tigers rolled to a win over Minnesota.

Colt Keith, Gleyber Torres, Riley Greene, Zach McKinstry and Wenceel Pérez also went deep for Detroit.

TWINS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Larnach lf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.256
Buxton cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.256
Arcia ph-ss	1	0	0	0	0	1	.283
Clemens 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.245
Bell dh	3	0	1	0	0	1	.229
Jackson p	1	0	0	0	0	0	.296
Lee 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.238
Lewis 2b	4	0	2	0	0	2	.187
Caratini c	2	0	1	0	1	0	.213
Gray ss	2	0	0	0	0	1	.252
Kreidler ph-ss-cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.226
Martin rf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.245
TOTALS	**32**	**0**	**5**	**0**	**1**	**7**	**—**

TIGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
McGonigle ss	4	1	1	0	0	0	.283
Short ph-ss	1	0	0	0	0	0	.167
Torres 2b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.282
Pérez ph-lf	1	1	1	2	0	0	.186
Greene lf	3	1	1	2	0	1	.301
Vierling ph-cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.205
Dingler dh	5	1	3	0	0	1	.254
Carpenter rf	3	1	1	0	1	0	.237
Keith 3b	4	2	2	3	0	0	.262
Torkelson 1b	4	1	1	2	0	3	.211
McKinstry cf-2b	3	1	2	1	1	0	.192
J.Rogers c	3	1	0	0	1	0	.158
TOTALS	**36**	**11**	**13**	**11**	**3**	**5**	**—**

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LOB: Minnesota 6, Detroit 5. **2B:** McGonigle (15), Dingler (14). **HR:** Torkelson (10), off Matthews; Torres (4), off Matthews; Keith (1), off Matthews; Greene (8), off Laweryson; McKinstry (2), off Jackson; Pérez (7), off Jackson.

TWINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Matthews	6	9	7	7	1	4	5.20
Laweryson	1	2	1	1	1	1	5.84
Jackson	1	2	3	3	1	0	27.0

TIGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Montero	6⅓	4	0	0	1	4	3.61
Holton	1⅔	1	0	0	0	2	4.15
Brieske	1	0	0	0	0	1	12.4

WP: Montero (3-4); **LP:** Matthews (2-4). **Inherited runners-scored:** Holton 1-0. **WP:** Montero. ABS Challenge_Gray (Strike-Confirmed) **T:** 2:17. **A:** 30,714 (41,083).

Mets 5, Cardinals 4

Juan Soto hit a go-ahead homer in the seventh inning and New York earned a win over St. Louis.

Soto's shot off JoJo Romero allowed the Mets to avoid being swept for the sixth time this season.

CARDINALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Wetherholt 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.248
Herrera dh	2	0	0	0	2	1	.262
Burleson 1b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.290
Walker rf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.302
Nootbaar lf	4	1	2	1	0	0	.227
Winn ss	4	1	1	0	0	1	.232
Crooks c	4	0	1	0	0	1	.182
Gorman 3b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.194
Torres ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.256
Church cf	4	0	1	0	0	3	.253
TOTALS	**34**	**4**	**7**	**4**	**2**	**9**	**—**

METS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Benge rf	4	1	1	0	0	2	.260
Bichette ss	4	1	2	1	0	0	.227
Soto dh	4	2	2	1	0	0	.277
Young 1b	4	1	2	2	0	0	.288
Ewing cf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.263
Semien 2b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.220
Baty 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.228
Alvarez c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.246
Melendez lf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.200
TOTALS	**34**	**5**	**10**	**5**	**0**	**9**	**—**

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LOB: St. Louis 5, New York 5. **2B:** Winn (9), Church (8), Nootbaar (2), Ewing (3), Soto (5). **HR:** Burleson (11), off Scott; Nootbaar (2), off Scott; Crooks (1), off Scott; Bichette (6), off Dobbins; Young (4), off Dobbins; Soto (14), off Romero.

CARDINALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Dobbins	4⅓	7	3	3	0	5	3.63
Bruihl	⅓	2	1	1	0	1	4.55
Soriano	1⅓	0	0	0	0	1	2.93
Romero	1⅓	1	1	1	0	1	3.48
Graceffo	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	1.64

METS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Scott	4⅓	7	4	4	1	6	3.10
Minter	1⅓	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Raley	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.42
Weaver	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.40
Williams	1	0	0	0	0	2	5.32

WP: Raley (2-1); **LP:** Romero (0-2); **S:** Williams (9). **Inherited runners-scored:** Soriano 1-0, Minter 2-0. ABS Challenge_Soto (Strike-Confirmed) **T:** 2:39. **A:** 37,019 (42,136).

Dodgers 8, Pirates 6

Los Angeles's two-way star Shohei Ohtani had to leave the game due to left knee inflammation as the Dodgers beat Pittsburgh.

DODGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Ohtani dh	2	2	2	1	2	0	.305
Espinal ph-dh	2	0	1	0	0	1	.250
Pages cf	6	2	2	0	0	1	.282
Freeman 1b	3	1	1	1	1	0	.284
Betts ss	5	0	1	0	1	0	.185
Muncy 3b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.266
Tucker rf	5	2	3	1	0	0	.237
Ward lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.242
Call ph-lf	1	1	1	0	1	0	.266
Rushing c	3	1	1	0	2	0	.277
Freeland 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.237
Rojas ph-2b	1	0	0	2	0	0	.253
TOTALS	**37**	**8**	**10**	**6**	**8**	**7**	**—**

PIRATES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Gonzales 3b	5	1	2	0	0	1	.302
Lowe 2b	4	1	1	2	1	1	.249
Reynolds lf	5	1	1	0	0	2	.265
Ozuna dh	2	0	0	0	0	0	.193
O'Hearn ph-dh	3	0	1	0	1	0	.284
Horwitz 1b	5	0	2	1	0	1	.291
Valdez rf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.111
Callihan ph-rf	1	1	1	0	1	0	.385
Mangum cf	4	1	1	1	0	1	.295
Flores c	3	1	2	2	1	0	.667
Triolo ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.229
TOTALS	**38**	**6**	**12**	**6**	**3**	**10**	**—**

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LOB: Los Angeles 14, Pittsburgh 8. **2B:** Rushing (5), Mangum (5), Flores (1). **3B:** Callihan (1). **HR:** Ohtani (13), off Keller; Flores (1), off Wrobleski; Lowe (16), off Wrobleski.

DODGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wrobleski	4⅔	6	4	4	2	1	2.95
Klein	1	3	0	0	0	2	2.25
Vesia	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	2.82
Dreyer	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.93
Henriquez	⅓	3	2	2	0	1	3.55
Scott	1⅓	0	0	0	0	3	2.48

PIRATES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Keller	4	7	5	5	4	3	5.14
Ramirez	2	0	0	0	2	1	4.42
Sisk	⅔	2	2	2	1	1	1.86
Bidois	1⅓	1	1	0	1	2	4.05
Santana	1	0	0	0	0	0	4.82

WP: Dreyer (3-1); **LP:** Keller (5-4); **S:** Scott (7). **Inherited runners-scored:** Klein 1-1, Vesia 1-0, Scott 1-0, Bidois 3-0. **HBP:** Keller 2 (Freeman,Muncy), Sisk (Freeman). **WP:** Keller, Sisk. **PB:** Flores (1). ABS Challenge_Betts (Strike-Overturned to Ball) **T:** 3:19. **A:** 30,660 (38,753).

Phillies 7, Blue Jays 4

Late Wednesday

Alec Bohm hit a three-run home run, Kyle Schwarber and Bryce Harper also went deep, and Philadelphia beat Toronto.

Bohm's homer was his eighth and Harper's solo shot was his 15th.

PHILLIES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Schwarber dh	4	2	2	2	1	2	.239
Turner ss	5	0	1	0	1	3	.225
Harper 1b	4	3	2	1	1	0	.267
Marsh lf	4	0	0	0	1	1	.326
Bohm 3b	5	1	2	3	0	0	.226
Stott 2b	4	0	2	1	1	0	.230
Realmuto c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.200
García rf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.195
Berroa rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.143
Crawford cf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.232
TOTALS	**37**	**7**	**10**	**7**	**5**	**9**	**—**

BLUE JAYS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Springer dh	3	1	1	0	2	1	.204
Guerrero 1b	3	0	1	1	2	0	.282
Clement ss-2b	3	1	1	1	1	1	.304
Okamoto 3b	3	0	0	1	1	1	.230
Piñango lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.301
Valenzuela c	4	0	1	1	0	2	.252
McAdoo 2b	2	0	0	0	0	2	.188
Giménez ph-ss	2	0	0	0	0	0	.220
Straw cf	4	1	3	0	0	1	.257
Lukes rf	3	1	1	0	1	2	.311
TOTALS	**31**	**4**	**8**	**4**	**7**	**11**	**—**

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E: García (4). **LOB:** Philadelphia 8, Toronto 9. **2B:** Harper (12). **HR:** Harper (15), off Schreiber; Bohm (8), off Scherzer; Schwarber (24), off Fluharty.

PHILLIES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Luzardo	5⅓	4	1	1	4	8	4.35
Bowlan	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	3.92
Shugart	⅓	1	3	3	3	0	3.48
Keller	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	3.38
Alvarado	1	1	0	0	0	2	5.25
Duran	1	2	0	0	0	1	1.99

BLUE JAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Scherzer	3⅓	5	5	5	3	4	10.2
Fluharty	⅓	1	1	1	0	1	4.05
Nance	1	1	0	0	0	0	3.52
Hoffman	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.83
Fisher	⅓	2	1	1	1	1	2.78
Miles	1⅓	0	0	0	0	2	3.40
Rogers	1	1	0	0	0	0	2.03

WP: Luzardo (5-4); **LP:** Scherzer (1-4); **S:** Duran (17). **Inherited runners-scored:** Bowlan 2-0, Keller 2-1, Fluharty 1-1, Miles 2-0. **T:** 3:12. **A:** 35,733 (39,150).

Cubs 9, Rockies 3

Seiya Suzuki hit his third career grand slam, Alex Bregman added a two-run homer and Chicago snapped a three-game skid with a win over Colorado.

Rockies starter Ryan Feltner retired the first nine batters he faced.

Leading off the third, Seager hit his ninth home run into the right field bullpen off Royals starter Michael Wacha.

CUBS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Crow-Armstrong cf	5	2	2	0	0	0	.257
Bregman 3b	4	2	1	2	1	1	.246
Busch 1b	4	1	2	1	0	0	.251
Happ lf	3	1	1	1	1	1	.231
Suzuki rf	4	1	1	4	0	2	.248
Hoerner 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.247
Ballesteros dh	3	0	1	0	0	1	.240
Shaw ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	1	.237
Kelly c	4	1	1	1	0	1	.282
Swanson ss	3	1	0	0	1	2	.178
TOTALS	**35**	**9**	**10**	**9**	**3**	**8**	**—**

ROCKIES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Julien 2b	5	0	1	0	0	1	.227
Castro 3b-lf	5	0	2	0	0	1	.269
Rumfield 1b	3	0	1	0	2	1	.270
Goodman dh	5	0	0	0	0	3	.244
Johnston rf	4	0	3	0	0	0	.315
Carrigg cf	4	1	2	1	0	1	.273
Thompson lf	2	0	0	0	0	2	.229
Barros ph-3b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.226
Tovar ss	4	0	0	0	0	3	.211
Sullivan c	4	2	3	2	0	0	.231
TOTALS	**38**	**3**	**12**	**3**	**2**	**11**	**—**

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LOB: Chicago 4, Colorado 10. **2B:** Crow-Armstrong (9), Johnston (20), Rumfield (11). **HR:** Suzuki (10), off Feltner; Bregman (6), off Castaño; Kelly (3), off Peralta; Sullivan (2), off Cabrera; Carrigg (1), off Cabrera; Sullivan (3), off Ferguson.

CUBS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Cabrera	5⅓	5	2	2	2	5	4.86
Milner	⅓	2	0	0	0	0	3.99
Maton	1	1	0	0	0	1	6.55
Rolison	1	1	1	0	0	2	2.25
Ferguson	1⅓	3	1	1	0	3	16.8

ROCKIES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Feltner	4⅓	4	6	6	3	3	5.20
Castaño	2⅔	5	2	2	0	2	2.93
Peralta	2	1	1	1	0	3	10.1

WP: Cabrera (4-3); **LP:** Feltner (2-2). **Inherited runners-scored:** Milner 1-0, Maton 3-0, Rolison 1-0, Ferguson 1-0, Castaño 2-2. **HBP:** Peralta (Busch). ABS Challenge_Feltner (Ball-Overturned to Strike) Ejected_Counsell. **T:** 2:50. **A:** 35,128 (50,144).

Rangers 4, Royals 2

Corey Seager homered and singled to lead Texas to a victory over Kansas City.

The Rangers jumped ahead 2-0 on Brandon Nimmo's RBI double in the first inning and Elias Díaz's squeeze bunt single in the second.

Leading off the third, Seager hit his ninth home run into the right field bullpen off Royals starter Michael Wacha.

RANGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Langford lf	5	0	0	0	0	1	.214
Seager ss	4	2	2	1	0	0	.186
Jung 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	3.309
Nimmo dh	4	0	2	1	0	0	.259
Duran rf	4	2	2	0	0	0	.296
Burger lf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.250
Carter cf	4	0	1	1	0	1	.178
Díaz c	4	0	2	1	0	0	.444
Lopez 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.256
TOTALS	**36**	**4**	**11**	**4**	**1**	**6**	**—**

ROYALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Jensen c	4	0	1	0	0	0	.215
Witt ss	4	0	1	0	0	0	.278
Pasquantino 1b	3	1	1	0	1	1	.223
Caglianone dh	4	1	2	0	0	1	.279
Thomas rf	3	0	0	0	1	2	.228
Massey 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.255
Misner cf	2	0	1	1	1	0	.500
Loftin 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.223
Collins lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.214
TOTALS	**30**	**2**	**6**	**1**	**3**	**7**	**—**

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LOB: Texas 6, Kansas City 4. **2B:** Nimmo 2 (13), Jensen (11). **HR:** Seager (9), off Wacha.

RANGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Rocker	4⅔	5	2	2	2	3	5.56
Ahlstrom	1⅓	1	0	0	0	1	0.00
Winn	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.54
Latz	2	0	0	0	0	0	3.69

ROYALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wacha	7	9	4	4	1	2	3.58
Way	2	2	0	0	0	4	10.8

WP: Latz (2-1); **LP:** Wacha (4-5). **Inherited runners-scored:** Ahlstrom 1-0. ABS Challenge_Wacha (Ball-Overturned to Strike) Pitch timer violations_Rocker (pitcher). **T:** 2:22. **A:** 17,622 (38,427).

Orioles 7, Mariners 5

MARINERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
C.Young 2b	5	1	3	1	0	1	.255
Rodríguez cf	4	0	2	1	1	0	.254
Naylor 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.257
Arozarena lf	4	1	0	0	1	2	.290
Raley rf	4	1	1	2	0	1	.249
Canzone dh	4	1	1	1	1	0	.276
Mastrobuoni 3b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.286
Pereda c	4	0	1	0	0	1	.286
Garver c	0	0	0	0	0

SCOREBOARD

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NBA playoffs

FINALS
Best-of-seven; x-If necessary

KNICKS LEAD SPURS, 3-1
Game 1: New York 105, at San Antonio 95
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Knicks 107, Spurs 106

Late Wednesday

San Antonio	**41**	**35**	**14**	**16**	**— 106**
New York	**22**	**27**	**26**	**32**	**— 107**

SAN ANTONIO	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Champagnie	33:00	2-9	0-0	0-5	3	1	5
Vassell	40:21	6-9	1-1	1-5	4	2	18
Wembanyama	43:55	9-25	4-7	5-13	1	1	24
Castle	25:56	2-7	8-8	2-5	5	5	13
Fox	37:25	6-16	2-2	2-5	7	3	18
Harper	32:16	8-12	2-2	0-4	3	3	21
Johnson	18:02	1-5	0-0	2-4	1	2	2
Bryant	5:00	2-3	0-0	0-1	0	1	5
Kornet	4:05	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	3	0
TOTALS	**240**	**36-86**	**17-20**	**12-42**	**24**	**21**	**106**

Percentages: FG .419, FT .850. **3-Point Goals:** 17-43, .395 (Vassell 5-8, Fox 4-9, Harper 3-6, Wembanyama 2-8, Bryant 1-1, Castle 1-3, Champagnie 1-7, Johnson 0-1). **Team Rebounds:** 8. **Team Turnovers:** 1. **Blocked Shots:** 4 (Wembanyama 3, Fox). **Turnovers:** 11 (Fox 4, Castle 3, Harper 3, Vassell). **Steals:** 10 (Champagnie 4, Fox 2, Bryant, Johnson, Kornet, Vassell). **Technical Fouls:** None.

NEW YORK	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Anunoby	41:28	10-15	6-6	1-4	1	2	33
Hart	32:48	2-4	1-3	2-8	6	3	6
Towns	25:45	4-5	4-4	2-10	2	4	13
Bridges	28:07	3-9	0-0	0-2	2	0	7
Brunson	44:27	12-25	9-11	0-5	7	1	36
Shamet	20:30	0-3	0-0	0-2	1	1	0
Alvarado	15:38	3-4	0-0	0-2	3	5	8
Robinson	12:59	1-5	0-4	3-5	1	1	2
McBride	7:12	0-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Clarkson	4:40	1-3	0-0	0-1	0	3	2
Hukporti	3:27	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Sochan	3:00	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
TOTALS	**240**	**36-78**	**20-28**	**8-39**	**23**	**21**	**107**

Percentages: FG .462, FT .714. **3-Point Goals:** 15-32, .469 (Anunoby 7-9, Brunson 3-7, Alvarado 2-3, Towns 1-1, Hart 1-2, Bridges 1-3, Clarkson 0-1, Shamet 0-2, McBride 0-4). **Team Rebounds:** 14. **Team Turnovers:** 2. **Blocked Shots:** 4 (Robinson 2, Anunoby, Hukporti). **Turnovers:** 13 (Brunson 3, Towns 3, Clarkson 2, Hart 2, Alvarado, Anunoby, Robinson). **Steals:** 6 (Brunson 3, Hart 2, Anunoby). **Technical Fouls:** None.
A: 19,812 (19,812). **T:** 2:51.

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EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	9	4	.692	—
Atlanta	8	4	.667	½
Indiana	7	5	.583	1½
Toronto	7	5	.583	1½
Washington	4	6	.400	3½
Chicago	4	9	.308	5
Connecticut	2	12	.143	7½

WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	10	2	.833	—
x-Las Vegas	8	3	.727	1½
x-Dallas	7	4	.636	2½
Golden State	7	5	.583	3
Los Angeles	6	6	.500	4
x-Portland	6	7	.462	4½
x-Phoenix	4	9	.308	6½
Seattle	3	11	.214	8

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THURSDAY'S RESULTS
at Indiana 114, Chicago 106 (OT)
New York 104, at Atlanta 90
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Las Vegas at Portland, late

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Toronto at Washington, 7:30
Golden State at Seattle, 10

MYSTICS' NEXT THREE

vs. Toronto Tempo

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Sunday	3	Monumental

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Fever 114, Sky 106 (OT)

Chicago	**14**	**26**	**39**	**19**	**8**	**— 106**
Indiana	**27**	**19**	**27**	**25**	**16**	**— 114**

CHICAGO	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Jaquez	21:35	2-6	2-2	0-2	1	1	6
Stevens	26:11	3-11	4-4	2-9	6	3	10
Cardoso	20:48	4-6	2-2	2-4	1	6	10
Diggins	31:42	7-15	5-7	1-3	1	1	21
Sheldon	26:26	3-6	3-3	0-1	4	5	10
Cloud	33:43	3-7	0-0	2-4	5	6	6
Williams	23:54	2-6	3-6	2-3	1	2	7
Taylor	20:41	10-14	6-6	2-2	2	0	30
Coulibaly	14:56	0-3	6-8	2-6	1	1	6
Banham	5:04	0-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
TOTALS	**225**	**34-77**	**31-38**	**13-34**	**22**	**25**	**106**

Percentages: FG .442, FT .816. **3-Point Goals:** 7-24, .292 (Taylor 4-7, Diggins 2-4, Sheldon 1-3, Cloud 0-1, Jaquez 0-2, Banham 0-3, Stevens 0-4). **Team Rebounds:** 9. **Team Turnovers:** 1. **Blocked Shots:** 7 (Williams 3, Cardoso, Coulibaly, Stevens, Taylor). **Turnovers:** 16 (Cloud 5, Cardoso 4, Banham 2, Diggins, Sheldon, Stevens, Taylor, Williams). **Steals:** 6 (Coulibaly, Diggins, Jaquez, Stevens, Taylor, Williams). **Technical Fouls:** None.

INDIANA	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Billings	9:36	0-0	0-0	2-2	1	3	0
Hull	32:17	3-13	4-4	7-8	1	4	11
Boston	32:05	13-26	6-6	7-12	3	4	34
Clark	40:07	8-18	15-15	2-7	10	4	32
Mitchell	38:51	7-17	3-4	0-1	3	3	19
Hines-Allen	23:29	2-3	1-2	0-9	3	2	5
Timpson	19:54	2-3	0-0	1-6	0	4	4
Johnson	13:16	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	3
Harris	10:30	2-3	0-0	0-0	1	0	4
Dantas	4:56	1-2	0-0	0-1	0	2	2
TOTALS	**225**	**39-87**	**29-31**	**19-46**	**22**	**27**	**114**

Percentages: FG .448, FT .935. **3-Point Goals:** 7-28, .250 (Boston 2-5, Mitchell 2-6, Johnson 1-1, Clark 1-6, Hull 1-7, Harris 0-1, Dantas 0-2). **Team Rebounds:** 11. **Team Turnovers:** 3. **Blocked Shots:** 6 (Boston 2, Timpson 2, Harris, Hines-Allen). **Turnovers:** 19 (Clark 5, Boston 3, Mitchell 2, Timpson 2, Dantas, Hines-Allen, Hull). **Steals:** 8 (Mitchell 3, Hull 2, Johnson 2, Boston). **Technical Fouls:** Clark, 6:36 third; coach Stephanie White, 4:56 third.
A: 15,578 (20,000).

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New York	**21**	**30**	**29**	**24**	**— 104**
Atlanta	**19**	**25**	**20**	**26**	**— 90**

NEW YORK	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Fiebich	26:34	2-7	0-0	2-3	1	3	6
Stewart	34:45	5-9	9-11	0-11	5	2	19
J.Jones	26:01	5-8	2-2	2-10	5	5	16
Astier	26:11	6-10	3-5	2-8	5	2	16
Johannes	22:18	5-6	5-5	0-1	0	2	17
Sabally	17:19	5-9	4-4	0-3	0	2	19
Laney-Hamilton	14:02	0-2	0-0	0-1	3	1	0
Gardner	12:55	3-5	1-1	1-3	2	2	8
Carrera	8:03	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	3
Xu	6:46	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	1	0
Fauthoux	5:06	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
TOTALS	**200**	**32-59**	**24-28**	**7-40**	**24**	**22**	**104**

Percentages: FG .542, FT .857. **3-Point Goals:** 16-31, .516 (Sabally 5-6, J.Jones 4-7, Johannes 2-3, Fiebich 2-6, Carrera 1-1, Astier 1-2, Gardner 1-2, Laney-Hamilton 0-2, Stewart 0-2). **Team Rebounds:** 9. **Team Turnovers:** 1. **Blocked Shots:** 4 (J.Jones 3, Stewart). **Turnovers:** 19 (Fiebich 4, J.Jones 4, Stewart 4, Gardner 2, Johannes 2, Astier, Fauthoux, Sabally). **Steals:** 2 (Stewart 2). **Technical Fouls:** Sabally, 4:40 second.

ATLANTA	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Hillmon	29:43	3-8	0-0	1-1	3	0	7
Howard	36:02	7-18	5-6	0-4	3	3	24
Reese	33:17	11-22	3-6	6-9	3	5	25
Canada	29:07	0-5	3-4	0-3	7	4	3
Gray	30:54	7-11	3-9	1-3	2	4	18
Borlase	18:35	2-4	0-0	1-2	0	3	5
Paopao	11:01	1-4	0-0	0-0	2	1	3
Okot	6:43	1-1	1-2	0-1	1	1	3
Kone	2:51	1-2	0-0	0-1	0	0	2
Nivar	0:53	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Nye	0:53	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
TOTALS	**200**	**33-75**	**15-27**	**9-24**	**22**	**21**	**90**

Percentages: FG .440, FT .556. **3-Point Goals:** 9-29, .310 (Howard 5-13, Borlase 1-2, Paopao 1-2, Gray 1-3, Hillmon 1-4, Canada 0-1, Reese 0-4). **Team Rebounds:** 12. **Team Turnovers:** None. **Blocked Shots:** 2 (Howard, Reese). **Turnovers:** 5 (Reese 2, Canada, Hillmon, Howard). **Steals:** 11 (Howard 4, Canada 2, Reese 2, Gray, Nye, Paopao). **Technical Fouls:** Reese, 8:54 fourth.
A: 3,600 (3,500).

HOCKEY

Stanley Cup playoffs

CONFERENCE FINALS
Best-of-seven

EASTERN CONFERENCE
HURRICANES ELIMINATED CANADIENS, 4-1
Game 1: Montreal 6, at Carolina 2
Game 2: at Carolina 3, Montreal 2 (OT)
Game 3: Carolina 3, at Montreal 2 (OT)
Game 4: Carolina 4, at Montreal 0
Game 5: at Carolina 6, Montreal 1

WESTERN CONFERENCE
GOLDEN KNIGHTS ELIMINATED AVALANCHE, 4-0
Game 1: Vegas 4, at Colorado 2
Game 2: Vegas 3, at Colorado 1
Game 3: at Vegas 5, Colorado 3
Game 4: at Vegas 2, Colorado 1

FINALS
Best-of-seven; x-If necessary

HURRICANES LEAD GOLDEN KNIGHTS, 3-2
Game 1: Vegas 5, at Carolina 4
Game 2: at Carolina 4, Vegas 3 (OT)
Game 3: at Vegas 5, Carolina 4 (2OT)
Game 4: Carolina 5, at Vegas 3
Game 5: at Carolina 4, Vegas 2
Sunday's game: Carolina at Vegas, 8
x-Wednesday's game: Vegas at Carolina, 8

BASEBALL

NATIONALS ON DECK

vs. Seattle Mariners

Friday	6:45	Nationals.TV
Saturday	4:05	Nationals.TV
Sunday	1:35	Nationals.TV

vs. Kansas City Royals

Monday	6:45	Nationals.TV
Tuesday	6:45	Nationals.TV
Wednesday	1:05	Nationals.TV

at Tampa Bay Rays

June 19	7:10	Nationals.TV
June 20	4:10	Nationals.TV
June 21	1:40	Nationals.TV

Radio: WJFK (106.7 FM), WDCN (87.7 FM)

COLLEGE BASEBALL

World Series

Double elimination; x-If necessary
At Charles Schwab Field; In Omaha

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Game 1: Troy (36-30) vs. West Virginia (45-15), 2
Game 2: Mississippi (41-21) vs. North Carolina (50-12-1), 7

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Game 3: Oklahoma (38-22) vs. Alabama (42-19), 3
Game 4: Texas (45-13) vs. Georgia (51-12), 8

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Game 5: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 2
Game 6: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 7

MONDAY'S GAMES
Game 7: Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 2
Game 8: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 7

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Game 9: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 loser, 2
Game 10: Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 loser, 8

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Game 11: Game 6 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 2
Game 12: Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 7

THURSDAY'S GAMES
x-Game 13: Game 6 winner vs. Game 9 winner, TBD
x-Game 14: Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 winner, TBD

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
Best of three; x-If necessary
Saturday, June 20: TBD, 8
Sunday, June 21: TBD, 2:30
x-Monday, June 22: TBD, 7

TENNIS

ATP/WTA

LIBEMA OPEN
At Autotron Convention Center
In Den Bosch, the Netherlands
Purse: $834,872
Surface: Grass

MEN'S SINGLES — ROUND OF 16
Benjamin Bonzi, France, def. Ugo Humbert (5), France, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; Kamil Majchrzak, Poland, def. James McCabe, Australia, 6-0, 6-3; Zhang Zhizhen, China, def. Tallon Griekspoor (6), the Netherlands, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4; Adrian Mannarino, France, def. Arthur Rinderknech (4), France, 7-6 (7-5), 3-6, 6-3; Felix Auger-Aliassime (1), Canada, def. Marton Fucsovics, Hungary, 6-3, 6-4.

WOMEN'S SINGLES — ROUND OF 16
Zeynep Sonmez, Turkiye, def. Anastasia Potapova (5), Russia, 6-1, 2-0, ret; Elena-Gabriela Ruse, Romania, def. Elise Mertens (3), Belgium, 6-3, 6-3; Robin Montgomery, United States, def. Greet Minnen, Belgium, 6-4, 7-6 (7-4); Magda Linette, Poland, def. Mia Pohankova, Slovakia, 6-2, 6-2; Barbora Krejcikova (8), Czech Republic, def. Hanne Vandewinkel, Belgium, 6-1, 6-4.

MEN'S DOUBLES — ROUND OF 16
David Pel and Sander Arends, the Netherlands, def. Mick Veldheer and Thijmen Loof, the Netherlands, 6-3, 6-4; Adam Pavlasek and Patrik Rikl, Czech Republic, def. Sander Gille, Belgium, and Sem Verbeek, the Netherlands, 6-4, 6-7 (7-4), 12-10.

MEN'S DOUBLES — QUARTERFINALS
Adam Pavlasek and Patrik Rikl, Czech Republic, def. Albano Olivetti and Theo Arribage (1), France, 7-5, 7-6 (8-6).

WOMEN'S DOUBLES — ROUND OF 16
Ingrid Neel, Estonia, and Giuliana Olmos, Mexico, def. Renata Zarazua, Mexico, and Panna Udvardy, Hungary, 6-4, 7-6 (7-1).

WOMEN'S DOUBLES — QUARTERFINALS
Irina Khromacheva, Russia, and Anastasia Detiuc, Czech Republic, def. Hao-Ching Chan, Taiwan, and Zeynep Sonmez, Turkiye, 6-3, 6-4; Shuko Aoyama, Japan, and En-Shuo Liang, Taiwan, def. Bianca Andreescu, Canada, and Lois Boisson, France, 6-1, 6-4.

ATP

STUTTGART OPEN
At Tennis Club Weissenhof; In Stuttgart, Germany
Purse: $886,379
Surface: Grass

MEN'S SINGLES — ROUND OF 16
Frances Tiafoe (6), United States, def. Rinky Hijikata, Australia, 6-4, 6-4; Jiri Lehecka (4), Czech Republic, def. James Duckworth, Australia, 6-7 (10-8), 6-4, 7-6 (7-3); Sho Shimabukuro, Japan, def. Nick Kyrgios, Australia, 4-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4; Taylor Fritz (2), United States, def. Martin Landaluce, Spain, 6-7 (7-4), 7-5, 7-6 (7-3).

MEN'S DOUBLES — ROUND OF 16
Nick Kyrgios, Australia, and Alexander Bublik, Kazakhstan, def. Jakub Paul, Switzerland, and Ryan Seggerman, United States, 6-3, 2-6, 10-6.

MEN'S DOUBLES — QUARTERFINALS
Lucas Miedler, Austria, and Vasil Kirkov, United States, def. Fernando Romboli, Brazil, and John-Patrick Smith, Australia, 7-6 (7-1), 6-4; Jan-Lennard Struff and Yannick Hanfmann, Germany, def. Corentin Moutet, France, and Jiri Lehecka, Czech Republic, walkover; Nikola Mektic, Croatia, and Francisco Cabral (1), Portugal, def. Hendrik Jebens and Daniel Altmaier, Germany, 6-3, 7-6 (7-4).

ATP rankings

Through Monday.

SINGLES

1. Jannik Sinner, Italy, 13500
2. Carlos Alcaraz, Spain, 9960
3. Alexander Zverev, Germany, 7305
4. Felix Auger-Aliassime, Canada, 4440

PRO FOOTBALL

UFL playoffs

SEMIFINALS
SUNDAY'S RESULTS
D.C. 28, at Orlando 22, in Daytona Beach, Fla.
Louisville 29, at St. Louis 20

UNITED BOWL
AT AUDI FIELD — IN WASHINGTON, D.C.
SATURDAY'S GAME
D.C. vs. Louisville, 3

SOCCER

Men's World Cup

GROUP STAGE
All games on Telemundo/Fox One/Peacock

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
GROUP A — IN MEXICO CITY
Mexico 2, South Africa 0
GROUP A — IN GUADALAJARA, MEXICO
South Korea vs. Czech Republic, late

FRIDAY'S MATCHES
GROUP B — IN TORONTO
Canada vs. Bosnia, 3, Fox
GROUP D — IN INGLEWOOD, CALIF.
United States vs. Paraguay, 9, Fox

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
GROUP B — IN SANTA CLARA, CALIF.
Qatar vs. Switzerland, 3, Fox
GROUP C — IN EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.
Brazil vs. Morocco, 6, Fox
GROUP C — IN FOXBOROUGH, MASS.
Haiti vs. Scotland, 9, Fox
GROUP D — IN VANCOUVER, CANADA
Australia vs. Turkey, 11:59, FS1

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
GROUP E — IN HOUSTON
Germany vs. Curaçao, 1, Fox
GROUP F — IN ARLINGTON, TEXAS
The Netherlands vs. Japan, 4, Fox
GROUP E — IN PHILADELPHIA
Ivory Coast vs. Ecuador, 7, FS1
GROUP F — IN GUADALUPE, MEXICO
Sweden vs. Tunisia, 10, FS1

MONDAY'S MATCHES
GROUP H — IN ATLANTA
Spain vs. Cape Verde, noon, Fox
GROUP G — IN SEATTLE
Belgium vs. Egypt, 3, Fox
GROUP H — IN MIAMI GARDENS, FLA.
Saudi Arabia vs. Uruguay, 6, FS1
GROUP G — IN INGLEWOOD, CALIF.
Iran vs. New Zealand, 9, FS1

TUESDAY'S MATCHES
GROUP I — IN EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.
France vs. Senegal, 3, Fox
GROUP I — IN FOXBOROUGH, MASS.
Iraq vs. Norway, 6, Fox
GROUP J — IN KANSAS CITY, MO.
Argentina vs. Algeria, 9, Fox
GROUP J — IN SANTA CLARA, CALIF.
Austria vs. Jordan, 11:59, FS1

WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES
GROUP K — IN HOUSTON
Portugal vs. Democratic Republic of Congo, 1, Fox
GROUP L — IN ARLINGTON, TEXAS
England vs. Croatia, 4, Fox
GROUP L — IN TORONTO
Ghana vs. Panama, 7, FS1
GROUP K — IN MEXICO CITY
Uzbekistan vs. Colombia, 10, FS1

THURSDAY'S MATCHES
GROUP A — IN ATLANTA
Czech Republic vs. South Africa, noon, Fox
GROUP B — IN INGLEWOOD, CALIF.
Switzerland vs. Bosnia, 3, Fox
GROUP B — IN VANCOUVER, CANADA
Canada vs. Qatar, 6, FS1
GROUP A — IN GUADALAJARA, MEXICO
Mexico vs. South Korea, 9, Fox

FRIDAY, JUNE 19
GROUP D — IN SEATTLE
United States vs. Australia, 3, Fox
GROUP C — IN FOXBOROUGH, MASS.
Scotland vs. Morocco, 6, Fox
GROUP C — IN PHILADELPHIA
Brazil vs. Haiti, 8:30, Fox
GROUP D — IN SANTA CLARA, CALIF.
Turkey vs. Paraguay, 11, FS1

SATURDAY, JUNE 20
GROUP F — IN HOUSTON
The Netherlands vs. Sweden, 1, Fox
GROUP E — IN TORONTO
Germany vs. Ivory Coast, 4, Fox
GROUP E — IN KANSAS CITY, MO.
Ecuador vs. Curaçao, 8, FS1
GROUP F — IN GUADALUPE, MEXICO
Tunisia vs. Japan, 11:59, FS1

SUNDAY, JUNE 21
GROUP H — IN ATLANTA
Spain vs. Saudi Arabia, noon, Fox
GROUP G — IN INGLEWOOD, CALIF.
Belgium vs. Iran, 3, FS1
GROUP H — IN MIAMI GARDENS, FLA.
Uruguay vs. Cape Verde, 7, FS1
GROUP G — IN VANCOUVER, CANADA
New Zealand vs. Egypt, 9, FS1

MONDAY, JUNE 22
GROUP J — IN ARLINGTON, TEXAS
Argentina vs. Austria, 1, Fox
GROUP I — IN PHILADELPHIA
France vs. Iraq, 5, Fox
GROUP I — IN EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.
Norway vs. Senegal, 8, Fox
GROUP J — IN SANTA CLARA, CALIF.
Jordan vs. Algeria, 11, FS1

TUESDAY, JUNE 23
GROUP K — IN HOUSTON
Portugal vs. Uzbekistan, 1, Fox
GROUP L — IN FOXBOROUGH, MASS.
England vs. Ghana, 4, Fox
GROUP L — IN TORONTO
Panama vs. Croatia, 7, Fox
GROUP K — IN GUADALAJARA, MEXICO
Colombia vs. Democratic Republic of Congo, 10, FS1

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24
GROUP B — IN SEATTLE
Bosnia vs. Qatar, 3, FS1
GROUP B — IN VANCOUVER, CANADA
Switzerland vs. Canada, 3, Fox
GROUP C — IN ATLANTA
Morocco vs. Haiti, 6, FS1
GROUP C — IN MIAMI GARDENS, FLA.
Scotland vs. Brazil, 6, Fox
GROUP A — IN MEXICO CITY
Czech Republic vs. Mexico, 9, Fox
GROUP A — IN GUADALUPE, MEXICO
South Africa vs. South Korea, 9, FS1

THURSDAY, JUNE 25
GROUP E — IN PHILADELPHIA
Curaçao vs. Ivory Coast, 4, FS1
GROUP E — IN EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.
Ecuador vs. Germany, 4, Fox
GROUP F — IN ARLINGTON, TEXAS
Japan vs. Sweden, 7, FS1
GROUP F — IN KANSAS CITY, MO.
Tunisia vs. the Netherlands, 7, Fox
GROUP D — IN SANTA CLARA, CALIF.
Paraguay vs. Australia, 10, FS1
GROUP D — IN INGLEWOOD, CALIF.
Turkey vs. United States, 10, Fox

FRIDAY, JUNE 26
GROUP I — IN FOXBOROUGH, MASS.
Norway vs. France, 3, Fox
GROUP I — IN TORONTO
Senegal vs. Iraq, 3, FS1
GROUP H — IN HOUSTON
Cape Verde vs. Saudi Arabia, 8, FS1
GROUP H — IN GUADALAJARA, MEXICO
Uruguay vs. Spain, 8, Fox
GROUP G — IN SEATTLE
Egypt vs. Iran, 11, FS1
GROUP G — IN VANCOUVER, CANADA
New Zealand vs. Belgium, 11, Fox

SATURDAY, JUNE 27
GROUP L — IN PHILADELPHIA
Croatia vs. Ghana, 5, FS1
GROUP L — IN EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.
Panama vs. England, 5, Fox
GROUP K — IN MIAMI GARDENS, FLA.
Colombia vs. Portugal, 7:30, Fox
GROUP K — IN ATLANTA
Democratic Republic of Congo vs. Austria, 7:30, FS1
GROUP J — IN KANSAS CITY, MO.
Algeria vs. Austria, 10, FS1
GROUP J — IN ARLINGTON, TEXAS
Jordan vs. Argentina, 10, Fox

KNOCKOUT STAGE
ROUND OF 32
SUNDAY, JUNE 28
IN INGLEWOOD, CALIF.
Group A second place vs. Group B second place, 3

MONDAY JUNE 29
IN HOUSTON
Group C winner vs. Group F second place, 1
IN FOXBOROUGH, MASS.
Group E winner vs. Group A/B/C/D/F third place, 4:30
IN GAUDALUPE, MEXICO
Group F winner vs. Group C second place, 9

TUESDAY, JUNE 30
IN ARLINGTON, TEXAS
Group E second place vs. Group I second place, 1
IN EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.
Group I winner vs. Group C/D/F/G/H third place, 5
IN MEXICO CITY
Group A winner vs. Group C/E/F/H/I third place, 9

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1
IN ATLANTA
Group L winner vs. Group E/H/I/J/K third place, noon
IN SEATTLE
Group G winner vs. Group A/E/H/I/J third place, 4
IN SANTA CLARA, CALIF.
Group D winner vs. Group B/E/F/I/J third place, 8

THURSDAY, JULY 2
IN INGLEWOOD, CALIF.
Group H winner vs. Group J second place, 3
IN TORONTO
Group K second place vs. Group L second place, 7
IN VANCOUVER, CANADA
Group B winner vs. Group E/F/G/I/J, 11

FRIDAY, JULY 3
IN ARLINGTON, TEXAS
Group D second place vs. Group G second place, 2
IN MIAMI GARDENS, FLA.
Group J winner vs. Group H second place, 6
IN KANSAS CITY, MO.
Group K winner vs. Group D/E/I/ J/L, 9:30

ROUND OF 16
SATURDAY, JULY 4
IN HOUSTON
Teams TBD, 1
IN PHILADELPHIA
Teams TBD, 5

SUNDAY, JULY 5
IN EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J
Teams TBD, 4
IN MEXICO CITY
Teams TBD, 8

MONDAY, JULY 6
IN ARLINGTON, TEXAS
Teams TBD, 3
IN SEATTLE
Teams TBD, 8

TUESDAY, JULY 7
IN ATLANTA
Teams TBD, noon
IN VANCOUVER, CANADA
Teams TBD, 4

QUARTERFINALS
THURSDAY, JULY 9
IN FOXBOROUGH, MASS.
Teams TBD, 4

FRIDAY, JULY 10
IN INGLEWOOD, CALIF.
Teams TBD, 3

SATURDAY, JULY 11
IN MIAMI GARDENS, FLA.
Teams TBD, 5
IN KANSAS CITY, MO.
Teams TBD, 9

SEMIFINALS
TUESDAY, JULY 14
IN ARLINGTON, TEXAS
Teams TBD, 3

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15
IN ATLANTA
Teams TBD, 3

THIRD PLACE MATCH
SATURDAY, JULY 18
IN MIAMI GARDENS, FLA.
Teams TBD, 5

FINAL
SUNDAY, JULY 19
IN EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.
Teams TBD, 3

Mexico 2, South Africa 0

SOUTH AFRICA	**0**	**0**	**0**
MEXICO	**1**	**1**	**2**

First Half: 1, Mexico, Quinones, (Lira), 9th minute.
Second Half: 2, Mexico, Jimenez, (Alvarado), 67th.
Goalies: South Africa, Ronwen Williams, Sipho Chaine, Ricardo Goss; Mexico, Raul Rangel, Carlos Acevedo, Guillermo Ochoa.
Yellow Cards: Mokoena, South Africa, 17th; Gutierrez, Mexico, 23rd; Sibisi, South Africa, 74th.
Red Cards: Sithole, South Africa, 50th; Zwane, South Africa, 84th; Montes, Mexico, 90th+2.
A: 80,824.

GOLF

PGA Tour

CANADIAN OPEN
At North Course; In Alton, Ontario
Purse: $9.8 million; **Yardage:** 7,389; **Par:** 70

FIRST ROUND

Matthew Anderson	32	32	— 64	-6
Sam Burns	33	31	— 64	-6
Eric Cole	31	33	— 64	-6
Emiliano Grillo	30	34	— 64	-6
Brooks Koepka	34	30	— 64	-6
Sahith Theegala	31	33	— 64	-6
Chandler Blanchet	33	32	— 65	-5
Ricky Castillo	32	33	— 65	-5
Tony Finau	33	32	— 65	-5
Patrick Fishburn	34	31	— 65	-5
Brice Garnett	29	36	— 65	-5
Doug Ghim	33	32	— 65	-5
Shane Lowry	31	34	— 65	-5
Sam Ryder	32	33	— 65	-5
David Skinns	32	33	— 65	-5
Jimmy Stanger	32	33	— 65	-5
Adam Svensson	32	33	— 65	-5
Erik Van Rooyen	30	35	— 65	-5
Ryan Fox	32	34	— 66	-4
Harry Hall	32	34	— 66	-4
Billy Horschel	32	34	— 66	-4
John Keefer	34	32	— 66	-4
Max McGreevy	33	33	— 66	-4
Taylor Pendrith	33	33	— 66	-4
Aldrich Potgieter	31	35	— 66	-4
Davis Riley	37	29	— 66	-4
Jackson Suber	33	33	— 66	-4
Jesper Svensson	34	32	— 66	-4
Alejandro Tosti	35	31	— 66	-4
Matt Wallace	31	35	— 66	-4
Danny Willett	33	33	— 66	-4
Christiaan Bezuidenhout	32	35	— 67	-3
Daniel Brown	34	33	— 67	-3
Trace Crowe	35	32	— 67	-3
Austin Eckroat	32	35	— 67	-3
Matt Fitzpatrick	34	33	— 67	-3
Tommy Fleetwood	33	34	— 67	-3
Garrick Higgo	34	33	— 67	-3
Rico Hoey	34	33	— 67	-3
Benjamin James	33	34	— 67	-3
Tom Kim	35	32	— 67	-3
Ben Kohles	32	35	— 67

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SHAWN THEW/EPA/SHUTTERSTOCK

Federal agents patrol the area around the National Mall in Washington in August. A law enforcement surge ordered by the president also brought armed National Guard troops to D.C.

Voters worry D.C. is on wrong track

Poll finds majority of residents are unhappy with city's direction, have concerns about cost of living and federal control

BY JOE HEIM AND SCOTT CLEMENT

The number of homicides and robberies has nose-dived, unemployment is trending down, and fountains across the District are once again flowing. But as Washingtonians prepare to celebrate the nation's 250th birthday, they are feeling more pessimistic about the capital city's direction than they have in nearly 30 years, according to a Washington Post-Schar School poll.

Fifty-five percent of D.C. registered voters in the poll conducted May 27 through June 1 said the city is headed on the wrong track, up from 42 percent the last time a Post poll asked this in 2022. It's the highest percentage of respondents saying the city was on the wrong track since 1998, when 58 percent said the city was on the wrong track. Negativity was much higher from 1993-1997, between 71 and 83 percent.

As the end of Mayor Muriel E. Bowser's (D) third term approaches, 28 percent of D.C. voters say the city is headed in the right direction. While most voters, 57 percent, think Bowser has accomplished a great deal or a good amount during her tenure, the mayor's disapproval rating (49 percent) rose by eight points over the past year and comes close to her worst marks in any year in which The Post has surveyed voters on that question. (A Bowser spokesperson did not respond to a request for comment.)

But the largely dim view District voters have of the city is driven by a wide range of circumstances and not based solely on Bowser's leadership or how her administration has handled District affairs. There's a significant national component feeding the pessimism.

Fifteen percent of D.C. voters who said the city is on the wrong track cited President Donald Trump as the city's top problem, as did 9 percent of respondents who said the city is headed in the right direction. Nearly 8 in 10 D.C. voters oppose Trump's actions focused on the District in general. Fewer than 3 in 10 think federal cooperation with the

SEE **RESIDENTS** ON **B13**

D.C. Council candidates vie for seat that could shape Ward 1

BY JASMINE GOLDEN

Lynn French, a sixth-generation Washingtonian, has lived in her house in Columbia Heights for three decades.

But over the years, French said, she's seen neighbors "disappear" from the community, seemingly pushed out because of the high cost of living.

"I'm concerned about housing, and I'm concerned about young people in this city having an opportunity and being able to flourish," said French, 79.

Affordability is top of mind for French, and an issue that has largely dominated the platforms of the handful of candidates running to represent Columbia Heights, Adams Morgan, Mount Pleasant and other neighborhoods that make up Ward 1 on the D.C. Council.

Democrats Rashida Brown, Aparna Raj, Terry Lynch, Miguel Trindade Deramo and Jackie Reyes Yanes are competing in this month's primary to fill the seat being vacated by Brianne K. Nadeau, who has led the ward for more than a decade. It's the first time since the 1980s that the race has not included an incumbent.

MICHAEL S. WILLIAMSON/THE WASHINGTON POST

Many new stores have opened in Columbia Heights in recent years, changing the look of the neighborhood.

The outcome could also bring the city council's first Latino or Asian member. The winner of the primary would face Republican Jett Jasper in the fall.

It's a tight and crowded race, so much so that the ward's Democratic Party organization couldn't make an endorsement because no candidate received enough votes in the group's process to reach a threshold needed for an endorsement, said Alex Baca, the ward party chair.

Baca said three candidates, Brown, Raj and Trindade Deramo, are all fairly similar — progressive and whose platforms focus on supporting building more housing and, simultaneously, tenants' rights.

"They're running in races where they need to distinguish themselves from each other," Baca said.

She said Lynch and Reyes Yanes in-

SEE **COUNCIL** ON **B13**

Numerical etchings on National Mall signal opposition to Trump

BY MAURA JUDKIS AND ETHAN BECK

U.S. Park Police, the D.C. fire department and members of the National Guard were seen responding Thursday to what appeared to be large-scale etchings of the numerals "86 47" on the grounds of the National Mall.

The numerals 8, 6 and 7 were visible, but the 4 wasn't clearly etched into the grass. It remains unclear how the markings were made, according to the Park Police. The term "86" is restaurant industry slang that generally refers to the unavailability of an item or a customer's removal. Trump allies have argued it can also mean to kill someone. Trump is the 47th president of the United States, so the digits have been used to show opposition to Trump and have been seen by some as a threat against him.

A spokesperson for the U.S. Interior Department described the markings as "deranged vandalism" and promised to "hold those responsible accountable" in an emailed statement.

The numerals, which are visible in photos taken two days ago, were not discernible to people on the National Mall, who could only see a few brownish patches of grass near the World War II Memorial. The numerals seemed to be visible only from a tall vantage point, such as the top of the Washington Monument.

Multiple emergency vehicles could be seen encircling the grass about 1 p.m. A team of officers stood over brown patches in the grass, wearing gloves, and collected samples for testing from the grass with materials from a yellow case.

Pedestrians were not permitted to walk on the grass, and a Park Service helicopter circled overhead.

Simultaneously, parachutists bearing American and POW flags descended from the sky to land near the numerals, an aerial rehearsal for America 250 festivities.

White House spokesman Davis Ingle responded to a request for comment on the markings with an email. "Anyone who engages in or endorses political violence or assassination culture must be condemned in the harshest terms possible," Ingle wrote. "They should also immediately seek

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TODAY'S WEATHER

8 a.m.	Noon	4 p.m.	8 p.m.
80°	93°	93°	80°

High today at approx. 2 p.m.: **96°**
Precip: **90%** Wind: **WSW 7-14 mph**

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MARYLAND

On-Call Grandma service helps parents fill gaps in child care needs. **B13**

MARYLAND

‘Grandma’ child care service fills gaps for parents

BY RYAN MARSHALL

Mindy McWilliams knows that many parents in today’s busy world need help caring for their children and getting them where they need to go.

McWilliams, 58, recently began On-Call Grandma, a system of caregivers who can cover the gaps when parents’ schedules don’t match up with their children’s.

At the bottom of McWilliams’ business card, it reads: “Life happens. We show up.”

The service can provide care for children in the periods between when parents leave for work and children go to school. They can transport children to activities, pick up dinner or do other light errands to ease the burden on parents.

“We’re kind of like a second set of helping hands for busy families,” McWilliams said.

The idea for the business first occurred to McWilliams as she was walking around her Ballenger Creek neighborhood watching families go about their routines.

The sight made her nostalgic for similar times with her own sons and stepson, who are now all young adults, but also made her remember how hectic those days could be.

At one point, she had three boys on three different sports teams, each with multiple practices and games per week.

Many parents travel a lot for work, or leave Frederick County early in the morning to get to work in Washington or elsewhere, McWilliams said.

On-Call Grandma’s rates vary depending on the time of day and services needed, and are provided to customers when they contact her, McWilliams said.

Clients have included parents who work from home and need help caring for their children on days when their day care is closed.

But the assignments aren’t all work-related.

McWilliams said their first job was for a client who had a wedding to go to in Baltimore on a Saturday when their children, ages 10 and 8, had a birthday party to attend in Hagerstown.

McWilliams and her 14 caregivers can serve as help for people who don’t have family in the area, helping to fill the role traditionally filled by grandparents or other community members.

“We’re kind of the modern village,” she said.

Some of her caregivers live far from their own grandchildren, and the service offers them a chance to still spend time with children, she said.

Many of them are former health care workers or teachers.

The caregivers are independent contractors, and can work as much or as little as they want to.

She is looking to add five to 10 more caregivers, she said.

One thing they look for most is early-morning availability, she said.

Because of the nature of their work, dealing with children and often being in people’s homes unsupervised, each worker is carefully vetted.

McWilliams personally interviews each candidate, then checks the references they provide.

She uses an outside company to do a background check, then has a check done through the Motor Vehicle Administration, as well.

She said she has gotten calls from as far as North Dakota, North Carolina, and Florida from people interested in opening versions of the business.

One person said they found her business on Google, another had ties to Frederick, and the other was a friend of a friend, she said.

She is open to considering franchising opportunities, but said she wants to see how the Frederick business goes first.

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A closed restaurant space along 7th Street NW in April 2022. In a recent poll, many D.C. voters said the economy was a top concern.

Poll finds voters wary of D.C.’s direction

RESIDENTS FROM B12

D.C. police, National Guard patrols or increased immigration enforcement have made the city “more safe.”

The first 17 months of Trump’s second administration have been tumultuous ones for District residents as mass federal workforce layoffs fueled economic insecurity in the region. The ICE crackdown on immigrants in the country illegally and a law enforcement surge ordered by the president that brought armed National Guard troops to patrol District streets also heightened tensions and anger.

Ward 1 resident Joey Helliwell, 27, said his view that the District is on the wrong track is “totally in regards to my feelings about the president and the National Guard presence and everything else that he’s doing.”

The growing number of National Guard troops is particularly irksome, said Helliwell, who is white and who moved to the District two years ago.

“I just feel it’s totally unnecessary,” he said. “They don’t do anything to me but I just feel like it’s a waste of resources. And it doesn’t feel cool to have military walking around like they do in North Korea.”

But the Trump administration’s actions aren’t the only thing fueling voters’ dissatisfaction. As the city continues to struggle to rebound from pandemic losses that led businesses to shutter and tax revenue to decline, the economy and crime are also top of mind.

According to the poll, the most common concerns cited by voters who say the city is on the wrong track are crime (20 percent), housing costs or the cost of living generally (20 percent), the economy (9 percent) and wanting D.C. to be self-governing or concern about federal control (6 percent).

Shahram Ahmadzadegan, 53 and a District resident for 25 years, said he thinks the city is on the wrong track because there is not enough focus on providing city services that work well and in a timely and reliable manner.

“If you can’t get the basics of running local government right, you shouldn’t be wasting time on big policy issues,” he said. Ahmadzadegan said he gives Bowser credit for encouraging investment and development in the District, but he isn’t sure taxpayers are getting their money’s worth overall with the basic upkeep of the city, roadwork and schools.

He hasn’t decided who he’s voting for in the race to replace Bowser, but hopes whoever it is does a better job on oversight and implementation of essential city services and programs.

For other voters, frustration with elected officials has led them to retreat from the process.

“I used to be politically-minded but I’ve become really disenchanted by the political scene,” said Donna Flenory, 61, who is Black and has lived in the District since moving here in 1985 to attend Howard University. “It’s no longer Republicans versus Democrats, it’s the government versus the people. This far exceeds D.C. government, this goes all the way to the White House.”

Flenory said she is on a “tiny” fixed income and is having difficulty finding housing that is safe and affordable. Impoverished communities in the District, she said, aren’t getting the attention they need.

“I’ve been backing away from politics because I started to feel hopeless,” she said. “What I would like to see is a change that is meaningful.”

Bryan Weaver, 55, is a longtime D.C. resident and former Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner who now lives in Petworth and runs a nonprofit for at-risk youth. Trump is part of the reason he thinks the District is on the wrong track but he also cites the small businesses that closed because of the pandemic and never reopened.

“We didn’t do a good job of helping them stay afloat,” he said. “And when your neighborhood coffee shop or bar can’t stay open, there’s a trickle-down effect that puts a damper on the local economy. Rents are not getting lower, the cost of living isn’t going down. More and more folks are getting squeezed out of living in D.C.”

Weaver, who is Latino, said he’s also disappointed with the city’s response to large youth meetups, some of which have turned violent. “The city seems so angry around that and we go to one basket that’s just, ‘Let’s have a curfew.’” That approach, he said, puts police in confrontation with teens and potentially makes a bad situation worse. He hopes that whoever is elected mayor will have a more comprehensive approach to engaging with the city’s young people and finding solutions that work.

Among registered voters, 71 percent support banning teens from gathering in certain parts of the city at night, while 20 percent oppose them, according to the poll.

D.C. Council member Christina Henderson (I-At Large) said she is not surprised by the percentage of voters who say the District is on the wrong track but cautions about how to interpret the number.

The concerns about the city’s direction, she said, are nuanced, but are largely economic. “People’s personal pocketbooks are driving this,” she said. “We’ve had a lot of people laid off in the federal workforce and a lot of contract workers as well. The cost of housing is growing … and we have National Guard patrolling the streets that makes people uneasy.”

Much of what happens in D.C. is shaped by federal decisions, and those are often out of the hands of the District’s elected leaders, said Henderson, whose seat is not on the ballot this election.

“It’s a struggle right now,” she said. “We’ve got some challenges and one of the frustrating things is that some of those challenges are imposed on us.”

The poll was conducted by The Post and George Mason University’s Schar School of Policy and Government from May 27-June 1 among a random sample of 1,002 registered voters in the District. Live-caller interviews reached respondents on cellphones (58 percent) and landlines (11 percent); 30 percent of respondents were reached via text message and invited to take the survey online.

The overall margin of error is 3.4 percentage points among D.C. registered voters overall, and 3.7 points among the sample of 836 registered Democrats and likely primary voters. All registered voters were assigned a probability of voting to produce likely voter results.

Seat to write next chapter for Ward 1

COUNCIL FROM B12

voke the same political style as Jim Graham, who ran the ward before Nadeau and was known for regularly showing up at everything from fires to ribbon cuttings. “People really, I think, loved the sort of retail politics of ‘oh, something’s happening,’ Jim Graham is on the scene,” Baca said.

In interviews, both Lynch and Reyes Yanes nodded toward Graham’s influence in their approach.

Advisory neighborhood commissioners and local organizations said residents want a leader who will work to cut down the cost of living and create more housing, support small businesses struggling to keep up with commercial rent and labor costs, and follow through on city services, like trash pickup and handling rats.

“This feels like a moment of opportunity to shape the priorities for the future of the city,” said Omar Parbhoo, chair of ANC 1D in Mount Pleasant and northern Columbia Heights. “I’m hopeful that they’re going to start thinking about these very sticky problems from different angles.”

The June primary also marks the city’s first election using ranked-choice voting, which allows voters to select up to five candidates on a ballot in many races. That has led some on the ballot to team up and encourage voters to rank them and another candidate on the ballot, so that if either hopeful is eliminated, the vote from their supporters would shift to the other.

In Ward 1, Brown and Trindade Deramo have formed an alliance over their shared progressive values and experience as ANC commissioners. The two have cross-endorsed one another.

Brown, whose Ward 1 roots date back to her time at Howard University, has served as an ANC 1E commissioner representing the Park View and Pleasant Plains neighborhoods for more than a decade.

Brown said she’s witnessed people, particularly Black and Brown neighbors, moving to other wards or out of the District entirely because of child care and housing costs.

To help combat that, Brown said she is committed to expanding affordable housing, like she did with the Park Morton and Bruce Monroe redevelopment project underway along lower Georgia Avenue NW. She also wants to invest in anti-displacement tools, including fully restoring the Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act that allows tenants a chance to buy their building if it’s for sale.

“My vision for the ward is to ensure a diverse, inclusive ward where everyone can belong no matter their income or their walk of life,” said Brown, 48. “We cannot balance the budget on the back of low-income and working-class families.”

Trindade Deramo, chair of ANC 1B, encompassing the U Street corridor, said he wants to eliminate the regulatory roadblocks that often impede starting a business or breaking new ground on a housing development. He wants the government to follow through on its implementation, including providing city services, he said, such as trash pickup.

“We have sterling values and bold progressive ideas in D.C. … but we don’t always do implementation very well,” said Trindade Deramo, 40. “It’s one of the reasons that I’ve decided to join this race, to be … a bit of a policy nerd and really stick the landing.”

Trindade Deramo, raised by Brazilian immigrants, said Ward 1 also has been hit hard by federal immigration enforcement under the Trump administration, with many Latino neighbors bearing the brunt during traffic checkpoints or on streets.

Coupled with ramped-up federal law enforcement efforts under the Trump administration, he said voters have told him the ward is eager to focus on its local values and caring for one another.

Raj, 32, a democratic socialist running for the seat, said she has been organizing for years to keep people in their homes and improve housing conditions, stemming from her own experiences with landlords.

As a renter, Raj supports expanding rent stabilization, restoring tenant protections and creating more housing, particularly family-size, not just studios and one-bedrooms, she said.

Raj is also pushing for free child care for children ages 3 months to 3 years, which she says can be funded by a business activity tax on companies that currently don’t pay a franchise tax.

She said bold policy vision goes hand in hand with government services working better for everyone. “This moment calls for someone who will be a real champion and organizer,” Raj said. “Being able to dream of what a better Ward 1 can look like includes a Ward 1 where everyone can afford to live, and a Ward 1 where your trash gets picked up on time.”

While the Ward 1 race has shaped up to be one of the most competitive in the city, Lynch sees his competition as not just the other candidates on the ballot.

“My opponents are the drug dealers in Columbia Heights, the blight that’s taken hold of Georgia Avenue, the rats that are winning across the ward, the trash that’s overflowing,” Lynch, 66, said. “That’s what I’m running against.”

Lynch has lived in the ward for 40 years and has filed thousands of 311 service requests to fix problems plaguing neighborhoods, he said.

Lynch said he wants to address public safety and youths by doubling down on arts, athletic and employment programs. He said supporting small businesses and solving building vacancies have also been core themes as he’s built his campaign.

“We’ve got to turn it around so that businesses can feel welcomed, can survive, can thrive,” said Lynch.

Reyes Yanes, 48, said she wants to see a revival in small businesses in the ward and push for no new taxes for local businesses.

A civil war survivor from El Salvador, Reyes Yanes led the Mayor’s Office on Latino Affairs and has nearly 20 years of experience working in city government. She’s particularly focused on youth safety and small businesses.

Reyes Yanes described small businesses as the “backbone of the economy.” She sees a joint strategy that would support small businesses and help pair them with young people who need work, which would develop their future.

From activating empty lots to supporting street vendors, Reyes Yanes wants to ensure local businesses have a chance to apply for dedicated grants, too.

“My plan is block by block,” Reyes Yanes said. “The ‘Jackie’s way’ is to listen to people and to make sure that we have every single taxpayer interest at the table.”

Jasper, a nonprofit executive, is the first Republican to run for Ward 1 since 2010, according to his campaign manager Kilian Mallon. Although it will be an uphill battle to win the seat, “democracy is the ability to have choices,” Jasper said.

Jasper, 37, said he sees public safety as the ward’s biggest need. He has focused his campaign on addressing vacancies within D.C.’s police department through increased compensation packages for new hires and a hiring “frenzy.”

As Election Day looms, one message seems to be resonating with ward voters most, said Brad Howard, an ANC 1E commissioner representing most of northern and eastern Park View who is a congressional chief of staff.

“Making government work is an affordability argument,” Howard said, such as being able to start a small business quickly or taking a reliable bus. “These government services are designed to make life more affordable in D.C., and right now they’re not.”

French, who said she’s been in Ward 1 “before it was Ward 1,” wants to know the area has a strong future ahead. She’s leaning toward Brown.

“I just want us to have some communitas,” French said. “Where we respect each other, work together and everybody can live and thrive.”

The Guide to Offers
The Washington Post

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Few bands reach their fifth decade with the same passion, creativity and musical vitality that defined their earliest years. The Church is one of those rare exceptions. With a legacy spanning more than five decades and a catalogue that has influenced generations of musicians and fans alike, The Church remains one of Australia’s most treasured and innovative musical forces. Don’t miss this exciting show.

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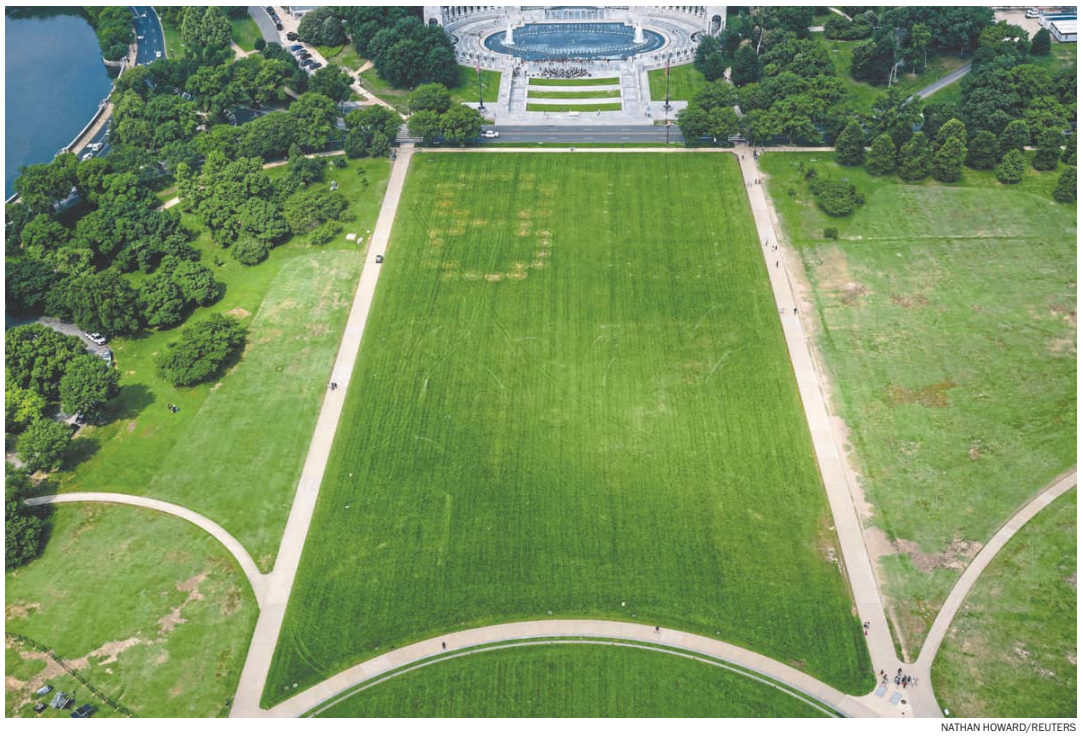

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Authorities responded to what appeared to be a large etching of the term 8647 into the grounds of the National Mall on Thursday.

Digits seen by some as threat to Trump

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psychiatric help to treat their severe and debilitating case of Trump Derangement Syndrome that has warped their brains and made them sick in the head."

The Justice Department alleged in an indictment of James B. Comey that a 2025 social media post by the former FBI director showing seashells arranged into the numbers "86 47" was an expression of intent to harm Trump. Comey removed the post and later apologized, denying any violent intent. His trial is scheduled to begin in October.

This month, U.S. District Judge Randolph Moss prohibited the National Park Service from taking action against the organization Accountability NOW USA, which displayed an "86 47" flag as part of an ongoing permitted demonstration in Washington. The Secret Service started an investigation into a volunteer with the organization after the flag was displayed.

Moss wrote that, while the rise of political violence is a threat to Trump and the entire country, "the enormity of that problem does not change the meaning of Plaintiff's speech, which by any reasonable measure merely advocated for the President's impeachment and removal from office — that is, 'to throw [him] out.'"

VIRGINIA

Data center critics point to tax breaks, water use

Va. residents, many across U.S. concerned over community impact

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Amazon data centers loom over houses in Northern Virginia in January 2023.

Drive through eastern Loudoun County and you will quickly understand why some parts of the area are often referred to as "Data Center Alley."

Massive, windowless gray cement structures rise up behind fences and security gates, while cranes loom over roads once lined with trees, now covered in mud from construction traffic, working to make way for yet another data center.

This mixed suburban/rural area is now home to the world's largest concentration of data centers. Around 200 facilities are currently operating in Loudoun alone, with more planned, and they handle over one-third of the world's daily internet traffic.

While supporters argue these centers are vital to the digital economy, many residents — not only in Virginia but across the United States — are concerned about their rapid expansion, energy and water use, and broader environmental impact.

Critics also highlight that these facilities often create fewer permanent jobs compared to the tax incentives they receive. As tensions grow, the question becomes: where do residents and lawmakers go from here?

Data centers are specialized facilities that house a variety of computing components, including servers, networking equipment, and extensive drives.

Their prevalence has increased in recent years, as every time someone streams a movie, stores photos, shops online, uses social media, or interacts with AI chatbots, information is processed through these centers worldwide.

There are now reportedly around 4,000 data centers in the U.S., which some see as a good thing, helping create jobs and generate revenue.

But data centers place significant demands on local infrastructure.

Modern data center campuses can span dozens or even hundreds of acres and often require new power lines, substations, roads, and other infrastructure.

Many consume significant amounts of electricity. (Just a few years ago, data centers accounted for an estimated 4 percent of total electricity use in the United States. By 2028, that figure is expected to climb to as high as 12 percent.)

Data centers also typically rely on large diesel-powered backup generators to ensure uninterrupted operations during power outages, which raises concerns about local air quality in some communities. (According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, diesel exhaust from backup generators contains fine particulate matter and nitrogen oxides that are associated with respiratory issues like asthma.)

Notably, data centers and water have emerged as another point of contention.

Depending on the design and cooling technology, large facilities can consume hundreds of thousands of gallons of water per day to cool server racks. Some large campuses reportedly use volumes comparable to those of a small town, raising sustainability questions in some communities.

Still, states and local governments across the country have spent years competing to attract data center development, often by offering generous tax incentives.

In recent years, 38 states have offered generous incentives, including sales tax exemptions on servers and equipment and property tax reductions, to win a larger share of the industry's explosive growth.

Increasingly, however, several of those states are facing backlash not just from residents but also from some lawmakers.

As a result, some are moving toward requiring greater transparency, shifting infrastructure costs onto developers, reexamining tax incentives, or studying the industry's impact on electricity and water supplies and local communities.

Some examples:

Illinois: Late last week, Gov. JB Pritzker directed the state's Department of Commerce to completely halt the processing of all new data center tax exemptions starting July 1.

"Illinois has an opportunity to continue leading in technological innovation and economic growth, but we also have a responsibility to protect working families and local communities as the data center industry rapidly expands," Pritzker stated in a release.

Ohio: In May, Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine ordered the state's Tax Credit Authority to freeze all pending and new data center sales tax exemption requests. The halt came after a state report revealed that the exemption cost Ohio $1.5 billion in 2025 alone.

In a release regarding the issue, DeWine wrote, "I fully support the Ohio General Assembly's work to study the issue and bring forward facts about data centers, including the local benefits to communities when tax exemptions are granted."

Georgia: Lawmakers in the Peach State are moving to phase out data center tax suspensions after a state audit revealed the exemptions will cost a projected $2.5 billion this year.

In Virginia, lawmakers in the Senate want to let a multibillion-dollar annual data center tax exemption expire, while the Virginia House is reportedly trying to tie any remaining tax breaks to strict environmental and clean-energy compliance rules.

According to the Commonwealth's tax disclosures, the existing data-center sales-tax exemption in the Old Dominion state cost an estimated $1.6 billion last fiscal year.

That massive exemption and the growing backlash over the more than 600 data centers already in the Commonwealth are sticking points in a budget process that must be completed by the end of June.

At the same time, in some states such as Oklahoma and New York and California, resistance to data centers has led to new legislation.

As of June 2026, according to various online trackers, more than 25 states are either advancing data-center-related legislation or have enacted measures that address grid cots, reporting requirements, utility regulation, tax incentives, or local authority over data centers.

What about Congress? In March 2026, Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vermont) and Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-New York) introduced the Artificial Intelligence Data Center Moratorium Act. The measure, which would temporarily pause new data center construction nationwide while Congress develops federal rules for AI infrastructure, hasn't gained traction on Capitol Hill.

The debate over the good and not-so-good aspects of data centers shows no signs of going away.

A recent Gallup poll finds that 71 percent of Americans now oppose the construction of AI data centers in their local communities (with 48 percent strongly opposed). The pollsters note that local data center construction is more unpopular in the U.S. than building a nuclear power plant.

This "not in my backyard" sentiment is split between environmental concerns (expressed by 50 percent of respondents) and economic fears, e.g., higher utility bills (about 20 percent of respondents), according to Gallup. Pollution, negative views of AI, and quality-of-life concerns were also factors for some.

DEATH NOTICE

BROOKS

BRUCE L. BROOKS (Age 71)

It is with regret that we notify the members of Steamfitters Local 602 of the death of Retired Brother Bruce L Brooks. Visitation will be held on Friday, June 12, 2026 from 10:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m., followed by a funeral service at 11:00 a.m. at the Wiseman Funeral Home, 4591 Allentown Road, Camp Springs, MD 20746. Notice # 2077.

Sidney Bonilla
F.S.T.

DEATH NOTICE

TUCKER

MARILYN TUCKER

Marilyn Tucker, a resident of Chevy Chase, passed away peacefully on June 10, 2026, at the age of 85, after a brief illness. She was the beloved wife of Stef Tucker; devoted mother of Matthew (Jane) Tucker and Lawrence Tucker; loving sister of Stuart (Linda) Miller and Marcy Tucker Colman; cherished grandmother of Ryan, Jack, Ethan, and Dylan Tucker; and beloved aunt of Ryan (Jessica) Miller, Aaron (Lumei) Miller, Zack (Bina) Colman, and Jessica (Eric) Colman Cheng.

Born in Camden, New Jersey, in 1940 to Reuben and Marcy Miller, Marilyn received her B.A. in English from the University of Michigan and a master's in counseling from George Washington University. Marilyn spent a lifetime dedicated to helping people as a career counselor, first at Northern Virginia Community College, then at George Washington University, and, finally, spending 41 years at Georgetown University Law Center, where she served her final years as the Director of Alumni Career Services and International Internship Programs.

Friends, family, and thousands of students and alumni will remember Marilyn for her warmth, wisdom, and genuine caring. To Marilyn, career counseling was not just a profession, but a calling. She dedicated her life to serving those she counseled, acting as a fierce advocate, a steady anchor, and a lifelong mentor to generations of aspiring lawyers. Her passion for her work on behalf of the Georgetown Law community was unrivaled; she possessed a rare ability to see the unique potential in every individual who walked through her door, helping them navigate not just their careers, but their lives.

Marilyn was beloved by the Georgetown Law family, from the Dean of the School to the parking attendants, and in many ways she was an indispensable pillar of the school during her time there. In fact, Dean William Treanor said of Marilyn, that she was the "heart and soul of Georgetown Law." The family will forever cherish the countless stories of her profound impact, which will live on through the generations of professionals she helped guide.

Funeral service will be held on Friday, June 12, 2026 1:30 PM at Adas Israel Congregation, 2850 Quebec Street NW, Washington, DC 20008, with burial to follow at Garden of Remembrance Memorial Park, Clarksburg, MD. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions in Marilyn's memory be made to the Marilyn Tucker Scholarship at the University of Michigan School of Education https://giving.umich.edu/um/w/marilyn-tucker-soe-scholarship-335966 [giving.umich.edu]. Services entrusted to Sagel Bloomfield Danzansky Goldberg Funeral Care.

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JOHN D. ONG (Age 92) AMBASSADOR

John Doyle Ong, former United States Ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway, and Chairman Emeritus of The BFGoodrich Company, passed away peacefully on June 4, 2026, after a brief hospitalization for kidney failure.

Ong was born on September 29, 1933, in Uhrichsville, Ohio, the son of Louis B. and Mary Ellen (Liggett) Ong. A 1951 graduate of Uhrichsville High School, Ambassador Ong received both his bachelor's and master's degrees from The Ohio State University and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa in 1954. After receiving his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1957, Ong served in the U.S. Army in the Counter Intelligence Corps and the Judge Advocate General's Corps in Maryland and New Orleans.

Ong began his BFGoodrich career in 1961 as assistant counsel. He became administrative assistant to the president of International BFGoodrich in 1966, vice president of that division in 1969, and president in 1970. Ong was named group vice president of the corporation in 1972 and elected executive vice president and a member of the board of directors the following year. He served as vice chairman from 1974 to 1975 before being elected president in 1975.

Ong was elected chairman and chief executive officer of BFGoodrich on July 1 1979, and served in that role for 18 years. During his tenure as CEO, Ong led the transformation of BFGoodrich from being primarily a manufacturer of tires industrial rubber products, and commodity chemicals into a leading provider of aircraft systems and services and a producer of specialty chemicals. Upon his retirement in 1979, Ong was named Chairman Emeritus.

Ong was nominated by President George W. Bush in August 2001 to be U.S. Ambassador to Norway. After confirmation in January 2002, Ambassador Ong served with distinction in Oslo, and at the end of his ambassadorship in November 2005, Ong was given the Grand Cross of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit.

Ong played a leadership role in many organizations involved in education and business. He was a Life Trustee of the University of Chicago, a former trustee of Bexley Hall Seminary, Kenyon College, Case Western Reserve University, the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, The Ohio State University, and the Fort Ligonier Association. Ong served as Chairman of the Musical Arts Association of Cleveland (The Cleveland Orchestra) and was a Trustee Emeritus and former board president of Western Reserve Academy in Hudson, Ohio, where the John D. Ong Library is named in his honor.

Ong was a leading advocate for business involvement in civic and cultural activities, both nationally and in northeast Ohio. He was a member of President Reagan's 1983 Commission on Industrial Competitiveness, chairman of the Business Roundtable, the National Alliance of Business, the Business Committee for the Arts New American Schools, Inc., the National Inventors Hall of Fame, and the Ohio Business Roundtable. He was a member of The Business Council from 1989 until 2005. He was also a member of the Council of Retired Chief Executives and the Council of American Ambassadors. He served as a director of seven S&P 500 companies.

In recognition of his many contributions, he was awarded the Alumni Medal and the Humanities Award of Distinction from the Ohio State University, alongside honorary doctorates from Kent State University, the University of Akron, and South Dakota State University.

Aside from his business and civic engagement, Ambassador Ong had many passions, including reading (especially history), book collecting, classical music (including opera and light opera), fly fishing, wine collecting, and hiking/exploring. Ong was also an active member of various clubs and organizations dedicated to these pursuits.

Ambassador Ong was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 62 years, Mary Lee (Schupp) Ong, who passed away in 2019. Together, they traveled the world shared a passion for the outdoors, and dedicated themselves to countless charitable endeavors. Their most significant joint venture, aside from their family, was their Angus cattle farm in southwestern Pennsylvania, which they built and maintained together for over four decades, with the help of their longtime manager, Richard Wilson, and his family.

Ong is survived by three children John F.H. Ong of Stonington, Conn., Richard P.B. ("Diccon") Ong (Donalee) of Hudson Ohio, and M. Katherine C. ("Katie") Ong of Stahlstown, Penn. his brother, Joseph W. Ong (Rose) of Columbus, Ohio, and six grandchildren, Sophia H. Ong of Toledo, Ohio, Matthew L. Landini of Washington, DC, Simon L. Ong of Los Angeles, Elliott O. Ong, of New York City, J. Finley Ong of San Francisco, and F. Henry Ong of Los Angeles. He is also survived by his faithful companion, Frieda, who has been continually at his side for 15 years. Ong was predeceased by two brothers, Richard H. Ong in 1955, and James F. Ong in 2006.

Memorial services will be held at St. Michael of the Valley Episcopal Church in Ligonier, PA., on Friday, July 3rd, at 11:00, and at Christ Church Episcopal in Hudson, OH, on Saturday, August 29th, at 11:00.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any memorial donations be made to Christ Church Episcopal Hudson, St. Michael of the Valley Episcopal Church, the Fort Ligonier Association, or Western Reserve Academy. Online condolences may be made at mccabefuneralhomespa.com

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815 Legal Notices

Department of Justice
Antitrust Division

Take not ce that the Un ted States has filed a proposed Final Judg ment n a civil antitrust case n the United States D strict Court for the District of Columbia *Un ted States of America and State of California v Ta he yo Cement Corporation CalPortland Company and Vulcan Materials Company* Civil Act on No 1 26 cv 01783 CKK On May 21 2026 the Un ted States filed a Complaint alleg ng that the proposed acquisition by Taiheiyo Cement Corporation and CalPortland Company of Vulcan Material Company's ready mix concrete operations in Cal ifornia would violate Section 7 of the Clayton Act 15 U S C § 18 The proposed Final Judgment filed at the same time as the Complaint requ res Defendants to d vest (1) the real property and CalPortland's ready mix concrete plant in Escond do California (2) CalPortland's ready mix concrete plant in Oceanside California (3) a leasehold in terest in Vulcan's ready m x concrete plant in Lakeside Cal fornia (4) leasehold interests in the real property on which the Oceanside Plant and Lakes de Plant are located (5) fifteen CalPortland ready mix con crete trucks serv cing the Escondido Plant and the Oceanside Plant and (6) certain licenses permits and records relating to the divested plants A Compet tive Impact Statement filed by the United States on June 5 2026 describes the Complaint the proposed Final Judgment the ndustry and the remed es available to private litigants who may have been injured by the alleged violation

Copies of the Compla nt proposed Final Judgment and Competitive Impact Statement are available for inspection on the Antitrust Divi sion's website at http /www justice gov/atr and at the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court named above

Interested persons may address comments in English to Acting Chief Soyoung Choe Antitrust Div sion Department of Justice 450 Fifth Street NW Suite 8700 Washington DC 20530 (email address ATR Public Comments Tunney Act MB@usdoj gov) w thin 60 days of the first publication date of this not ce Such comments including the name of the submitter and responses thereto will be posted on the Antitrust Division's website filed with the Court and under certain circumstances published in the *Federal Register*

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815 Legal Notices

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia Alexandria Division

Joshua Newlon
v
Anton Sagan et al

Case No 1 25 cv 1940 AJT WEF

Object Complaint filed against Anton Sagan alleging var ous causes of act on
It is ORDERED that Anton Sagan is required to appear and pro tect his interest within 90 days from June 5 2026

850 Montgomery County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY MARYLAND

Brennan Ferguson et al
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs

V

Karen R Mower
Defendant

Case No C 15 CV 25 006942

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **4th day of June 2026** that the sale of the property in this case **144 Pasture Side Way Unit P Rockville Maryalnd 20850** reported by Brennan Ferguson John C Hanrahan Jeremy B Wilkins Amanda Driscole Robert Oliveri and Paul Heinmuller Substitute Trustees be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **6th day of July 2026** provided a copy of th s Notice be inserted in The Washington Post a newspaper published n Montgomery County Maryland once n each of three (3) successive weeks on or be fore the **6th day of July 2026** The report states the amount of sale to be **$269 000 00**

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY MARYLAND

Brennan Ferguson et al
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs

V

Estate of Ronald E Schubert
Defendant

Case No C 15 CV 25 006314

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **1st day of June 2026** that the sale of the property n this case **5 Quince Mill Ct Gaithersburg Maryland 20878** reported by Brennan Ferguson John C Hanrahan Jeremy B W lkins Amanda Driscole Robert Oliveri and Paul Heinmuller Substitute Trustees be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **1st day of July 2026** provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in The Washington Post a newspaper published in Montgomery County Maryland once in each of three (3) success ve weeks on or be fore the **1st day of July 2026** The report states the amount of sale to be **$533 000 00**

Karen A Bushell
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MARYLAND

ANDREW J BRENNER et al
6001 Executive Blvd Suite 200
Rockville MD 20852
Substitute Trustees/Plaintiffs

VS

CHARLES MOORE (DECEASED)
6011 Emerson Street Unit 112
Bladensburg MD 20710
Defendant(s)

Case No C 16 CV 26 000175

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **8th day of June 2026** by the Circuit Court for Prince George's Coun ty Maryland that the Sale of the property mentioned n these pro ceedings and described as **6011 Emerson Street Unit 112 Bladensburg MD 20710** made and reported by the Substitute Trustee will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **8th day of July 2026** provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily newspaper printed in said County once in each of three succes sive weeks before the **8th day of July 2026** The report states the purchase price at the Fore closure sale to be **$100 000 00**

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Clerk Circuit Court for
Prince George's County
Maryland

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MARYLAND

Brennan Ferguson et al
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs

V

Witha R Hicks
Defendants

Case No C 16 CV 25 006925

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **28th day of May 2026** that the sale of the property in this case **3811 Swann Rd Unit 103 Suitland Maryland 20746** reported by Brennan Ferguson John C Hanrahan Jeremy B W lkins Amanda Driscole Robert Oliveri and Paul Heinmuller Substitute Trustees be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **29th day of June 2026** provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in The Washington Post a newspaper published in Prince George's County Maryland once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the **29th day of June 2026** The report states the amount of sale to be **$69 300 00**

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Clerk

Jun 5 12 19 2026 0012520294

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MARYLAND

Brennan Ferguson et al
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs

V

Juleshane Dwayne Edwards
Defendant

Case No C 16 CV 25 001537

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **5th day of June 2026** that the sale of the property in this case **12911 Thompkins Lane Bowie Maryland 20720** reported by Brennan Ferguson John C Hanrahan Jeremy B W lkins Amanda Driscole Robert Oliveri and Paul Heinmuller Substitute Trustees be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **6th day of July 2026** provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in The Washington Post a newspaper published in Prince George's County Maryland once in each of three (3) success ve weeks on or before the **6th day of July 2026** The report states the amount of sale to be **$300 059 00**

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Jun 12 19 26 2026 0012520567

840 Trustees Sale - DC

Adams and Reese LLP
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Washington, DC 20001

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF multi-family residence generally known as 1035 48th St. NE, Washington, DC 20019.

By virtue of a certain Deed of Trust, Assignment of Rents and Leases, Security Agreement, and Fixture Filing duly recorded October 30, 2024, as Document No. 2024102041 (the "Deed of Trust") and the Assignment of Loan Documents duly recorded April 17, 2026, as Document No. 2026037193 (the "Assignment") among the Land Records of the District of Columbia (the "Land Records"), and in accordance with Public Law 90-566, notice filed May 14, 2026, and recorded May 15, 2026, as Document No. 2026047855, a default having occurred in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby and the covenants contained therein, and at the request of the party secured thereby (the "Noteholder"), the undersigned Trustee, **will sell, at public auction, within the office of ALEX COOPER AUCTIONEERS, INC., 4910 MASSACHUSSETTS AVENUE, NW, SUITE 100, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20016 on June 22, 2026, at 11:30 A.M.**, the following described land and premises (collectively, the "Property"):

All that certain lot or parcel of land together with all improvements thereon located and being in the City of Washington in the District of Columbia and being more particularly described as follows:

Lot numbered One Hundred Seven (107), in Square numbered Fifty One Hundred Fifty Three (5153), in the subdivision made by Warts Incorporated as per plat recorded in Liber 132 at Folio 3 among the Records of the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia.

NOTE: At the date hereof the above described land is designated on the Records of the Assessor of the District of Columbia for assessment and taxation purposes as Lot 107 in Square 5153.

Property Address: 1035 48th Street, NE, Washington, DC 20019

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. The bid which yields the highest price for the Property will be accepted by the Trustee (unless the sale is postponed or cancelled) and all bids will be provisional until acceptance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Trustee absolutely reserve the right to postpone the sale and/or cancel the sale at any time until the auctioneer announces that the Property is "sold" and the deposit in the required amount and form is received by the Trustee. The Property will be offered in the entirety only. A deposit in the amount of $100,000.00 will be required at the time of sale. Such deposit must be by cashier's check or certified check or in such other form as the Trustee may determine in their sole discretion. The Noteholder secured by the Deed of Trust (or any related party) shall be exempted by the Trustee from submitting any bidding deposit. The Trustee will, as a condition of the sale, require all potential bidders except the Noteholder to show their deposit before any bidding begins. The retained deposit of the successful purchaser shall be applied, without interest, to the successful purchaser's credit at settlement, provided, however, that in the event the successful purchaser fails to consummate the purchase in accordance with the terms of sale as herein provided, such deposit, at the option of the Trustee, will be forfeited. The terms of sale must be complied with and settlement consummated thereon within thirty (30) days from the day of sale unless extended at the sole discretion of the Trustee. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. The balance of the purchase price over and above the retained deposit, with interest thereon at a rate of 10.00% per annum from the date of sale through the date of receipt of the balance of the purchase price, will be due at settlement in cash or certified funds; and if not so paid, the Trustee reserves the right to retain the deposit and resell the Property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, after such advertisement and on such terms as the Trustee may deem proper, and to avail themselves and the Noteholder of any legal or equitable rights against the defaulting purchaser.

The Property is sold subject to the rights, if any, of parties in possession, if such rights have priority over the Deed of Trust, and to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, rights of way, and limitations of record having priority over the Deed of Trust. The Property will be sold "WHERE IS" and in "AS IS" condition without any warranty as to condition, express or implied, and without any representation or warranty as to the accuracy of the information furnished to prospective bidders by the Trustee or any other party and without any other representations or warranty of any nature. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Property will be sold without representation or warranty as to (i) title to the Property, (ii) the nature, condition, structural integrity, or fitness for a particular use of any improvements, fixtures or personal property included within the Property, (iii) the environmental condition of the Property or the compliance of the Property with federal, state and local laws and regulations concerning the presence or disposal of hazardous substances, (iv) compliance of the Property with the Americans with Disabilities Act or any similar law, or (v) compliance of the Property with any zoning laws or ordinances and any and all applicable safety codes, and acceptance of the Deed to the Property by the successful purchaser shall constitute a waiver of any claims against the Trustee or the Noteholder concerning any of the foregoing matters. The successful purchaser recognizes that any investigation, examination or inspection of the Property is within the control of the owner or other parties in possession of the Property and not within the control of the Trustee or the Noteholder.

Conveyance shall be by Trustee's Deed, without covenant or warranty, express or implied. The risk of loss or damage by fire or other casualty to the Property from and after the date of sale will be upon the successful purchaser. Adjustment of all taxes, ground rents, public charges, assessments, sewer, water, drainage and other public improvements will be made as of the date of sale and are to be assumed and paid thereafter by the successful purchaser, whether assessments have been levied or not. The Noteholder and Trustee assume no liability for fuel, gas, electricity, utilities and other operating charges accrued before or after the sale and all such charges shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser from the date of sale. Any condominium fees, assessments or capital contributions payable with respect to the Property shall be assumed after the date of sale by the successful purchaser. All costs incident to the settlement and conveyancing including, without limitation, examination of title, conveyancing, all recordation taxes and charges, all transfer taxes and charges, title insurance premiums, notary fees, settlement fees and all other costs incident to settlement shall be at the cost of the successful purchaser. If the Trustee cannot convey title, the purchaser's sole remedy is a return of deposit. Further particulars may be announced at the time of sale. For further information, please contact Paul Cooper at 443-470-1437.

Lauren Baio Pultro, formerly Lauren A. Baio
Substitute Trustee

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Jun 10,12,15,17,19, 2026 0012519558

840 Trustees Sale - DC

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CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION'S SALE OF VALUABLE CONDOMINIUM UNIT NUMBER 2014-A (SQUARE 5672, LOT 2259) CONTAINED WITHIN PREMISES of 2014 Fort Davis Street, SE, Washington, DC 20020. Pursuant to the District of Columbia Condominium Act of 1976, Section 313 as well as the Declaration and Bylaws identified below, as amended, and in accordance with Public Law 90-566 and 42 D.C. Code Section 1903.13 as amended, notice was filed on May 15, 2026 as Instrument No. 2026047831 and at the request of the Attorney for the Unit Owners Association, we shall sell at public auction on **June 17, 2026 at 1:55 pm at the office of Alex Cooper Auctioneers, Inc. at 4910 MASSACHUSETTS AVE., NW, SUITE 100, WASHINGTON, DC 20016**, the following described premises situated in the District of Columbia and designated as:

Part of Lot 1 in Square 5672, in the subdivision made by Fairfax Village Addition Incorporated, as per plat recorded in Liber 113 at Folio 30, in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia. The part of land conveyed being more particularly designated at Unit Number 2014-A of the "Fairfax Village Condominium IV", according to the Declaration of Condominium recorded July 10, 1975 as Instrument No. 14851, as amended, among the Land Records of the District of Columbia, and as per Plat of Condominium Subdivision recorded in Condominium Book 3 at Page 10 in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia.

Note: At the date hereof the above described land is designated on the Records of the Assessor for the District of Columbia for assessment and taxation purposes as Lot numbered 2259 in Square numbered 5672.

Together with all the appurtenances incident to said Unit, as contained in said Declaration of Condominium, as amended.

Subject to provisions of the Declaration of Condominium recorded July 10, 1975, as Instrument No. 14851 among the Land Records of the District of Columbia; rights of others entitled thereto in and to the joint use of the common elements as defined in the Declaration referred to above; restrictions, conditions, provisions and maintenance payments and assessments as provided in the Declaration referred to above.

The Condominium Declaration allocates to the Condominium Unit an undivided interest (stated as a percentage) in the Common Elements of the Condominium (hereinafter called the "Percentage Interest"). The Percentage Interest of the Condominium Unit is set forth in the Declaration of Condominium.

TERMS OF SALE: Sold subject to real estate taxes and shall also be subject to any other superior liens, encumbrances, and municipal assessments, if any, the further particulars of which may be announced at time of sale. Pursuant to DC Code Section 42-1903.13(c)(4)(B), the Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Condominium Unit for Assessments Due ("Notice") must indicate (and does indicate) whether the foreclosure sale is for a 6-month priority lien and not subject to a deed of trust, or for more than the 6-month priority lien, but subject to a deed of trust. With respect to the Notice related to this foreclosure sale, more than 6 months has been selected on the Notice, subject to a deed of trust, because the statute requires a selection of one of those two choices (either for a 6-month priority lien and not subject to a deed of trust, or for more than the 6-month priority lien, but subject to a deed of trust). There does not appear to be a deed of trust to which this condominium lien foreclosure is subject, however.

A deposit of $10,000.00 will be required at time of sale, such deposit to be in certified funds. All conveyances, recording, recordation tax, transfer tax, etc. at purchaser's cost. All adjustments made as of date of sale. The balance of the purchase price, together with interest at the rate of 10% per annum from date of sale to date of receipt of the balance of the purchase price, must be paid in cash or by cashier's or certified check and all other terms to be complied with within 30 days, otherwise deposit is forfeited and the property may be re-advertised and resold at the discretion of the owner's Association and at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser. Association shall convey a deed pursuant to 42 D.C. Code Section 1903.13, as amended, and makes no further representations or warranties as to title. The Association cannot guarantee clear title or the purchaser's ability to obtain Title Insurance. For this reason, the purchaser may not be able to obtain financing and therefore must be able to pay the purchase balance in any case within 30 days. In the event of failure on the part of the Association to convey such deed purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit. Contact: T. Cary Devorsetz at 202-969-8220, attorney for Fairfax Village Condominium IV.

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Jun 8,12,16, 2026 0012520522

851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MARYLAND

KEITH YACKO et al
Substitute Trustee
Plaintiff

v

BARBARA KEY et al
Defendants

Case No C 16 CV 25 004733

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **28th day of May 2026** that the sale of the property in this case **913 QUIETVIEW DRIVE CAPITOL HEIGHTS MD 20743** reported by Kendall Clark Attorney for the Substitute Trustee be rat fied and confirmed unless cause to the contrary be shown on or be fore the **29th day of June 2026** provided a copy of this Not ce be inserted in Washington Post a newspaper published n PRINCE GEORGE'S County Maryland once in each of three (3) succes sive weeks on or before the **29th day of June 2026** The report states the amount of sale to be **$206 000 00**

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852 Anne Arundel County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Keith Yacko et al
Substitute Trustee

Versus

Kimberly Boyd et al
Defendant

No C 02 CV 25 003125

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **Friday May 22 2026** that the sale of the property in the pro ceedings mentioned made and reported by Kendall E Clark Esq Substitute Trustee BE RAT F ED AND CONFIRMED unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **22nd day of June 2026** next provided a copy of this Not ce be inserted in some newspaper published in Anne Arundel County once in each of three successive weeks before the **22nd day of June 2026** next The report states that the amount of sale of the property at **709 GREAT BAY AVENUE ANNAPOLIS MD 21401** to be **$300 103 74**

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Circuit Court for
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840 Trustees Sale - DC

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Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust, Security Agreement and Financing Statement (the Deed of Trust) dated December 27, 2024 and recorded on January 2, 2025 as Instrument No. 2025000250, default having occurred under the terms of the Deed of Trust, and following the recording of a Deed of Removal of Trustees and Appointment of Substitute Trustees as Instrument No. 2026046010, an Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure as Instrument No. 2026046011, and a Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit as Instrument No. 2026047010, at the request of the party secured by the Deed of Trust, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the offices of Harvey West Auctioneers, Inc., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Suite 440, Washington, D.C. 20015, on

JUNE 16, 2026 AT 12:30 PM

All that fee simple lot of ground, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in the City of Washington, District of Columbia and more fully described in the Deed of Trust; the improvements being known as 1800 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE Washington, D.C. 20020, Square 5601, Lot 56 (the Property). The Property is believed to be improved by a three-story office building with retail at bottom.

TERMS OF SALE: This advertisement, as amended or supplemented by any oral announcements during the sale, constitutes the entire terms upon which the Property shall be offered for sale, sold, or purchased.

The Property will be sold in AS IS condition and with no warranty of any kind. The purchaser shall be solely responsible for obtaining possession of the Property. The Property will be sold subject to (i) all conditions, liens, restrictions, rights of redemption, covenants, encumbrances, and agreements of record that take priority over the Deed of Trust; (ii) any violations of housing, building, environmental, or other codes, and (iii) such state of facts that an accurate survey or physical inspection of the Property might disclose.

A $1,000,000.00 deposit shall be required at the time and place of the auction and shall be in the form of a cashier's check drawn on a bank acceptable to the Substitute Trustees. The deposit will not earn interest in the hands of the Substitute Trustees. The purchaser shall increase the deposit to ten percent (10%) of the bid price within two (2) business days of the sale, payable by cashiers check or immediate funds wire transfer to the Substitute Trustees. The party secured by the Deed of Trust (the Secured Party) or any affiliate thereof, if a bidder, is not required to post a deposit or to pay interest on the unpaid purchase money. If the Secured Party purchases the Property at the sale, the amount bid by the Secured Party, after deducting all expenses related to the sale, shall be a credit against the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust.

The balance of the purchase price, with interest at the rate set forth in the Promissory Note, shall be paid by cash, cashiers check, or another acceptable form at settlement, which must occur within thirty (30) days following the sale. Interest will accrue from the date of sale until the date funds are received by Monarch Title, Inc., the closing agent for the Substitute Trustees. There shall be no abatement of interest if settlement is delayed.

The purchaser of the Property shall be responsible for all condominium or homeowners association fees and unpaid real property taxes due with respect to the Property, and all amounts due in connection therewith and there shall be no adjustment therefor. All water and sewer charges, and all other charges and assessments against the Property shall be the responsibility of the purchaser and there shall be no adjustment therefor. The purchaser shall pay all closing costs of the sale. The Noteholder and Substitute Trustees assume no liability for fuel, gas, electricity, water and sewer charges, any other utilities and other operating charges accrued before or after the sale and all such charges shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser. All obligations of the purchaser hereunder shall survive closing and delivery of the deed. The purchaser (other than the Secured Party) shall sign a contract including this advertisement and other terms. Time is of the essence.

The Property is sold subject to the rights, if any, of parties in possession, if such rights have priority over the Deed of Trust, and to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, rights of way, and limitations of record.

The purchaser shall deliver to the Substitute Trustees, within two (2) business days following the sale, an insurance certificate confirming that the purchaser has obtained casualty and liability insurance coverage on the Property, naming the Substitute Trustees and the Secured Party as additional insured parties on the policy, and otherwise in form and content acceptable to the Substitute Trustees. The failure of the purchaser to provide such evidence of insurance coverage shall constitute grounds for nullifying and voiding the sale. The Substitute Trustees reserve the right to require registration and/or pre-qualification of bidders, to modify or waive the requirements for bidders' deposits, to approve the creditworthiness of any bidder, to withdraw the Property from sale, to cancel the sale, to use an agent or attorney to conduct the sale, to reject any and all bids or to postpone the sale and keep the bidding open for any length of time.

If the purchaser defaults, the Substitute Trustees may retain the deposit as liquidated damages, resell the Property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, and recover any deficiency in the purchase price, all costs and expenses of both sales, attorneys fees, and related expenses, or may avail themselves of any other legal or equitable remedies available to them. The defaulting purchaser is not entitled to any surplus from the resale, even if such surplus is due to improvements made by the defaulting purchaser.

If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey the Property by reason of any defect in the title or otherwise, the sole remedy of the purchaser of the Property at law or in equity shall be the refund of the deposit. Upon refund of the deposit to the purchaser, the sale shall be void and of no effect. The conveyance by the Substitute Trustees to the purchaser at settlement shall be by Substitute Trustees Deed, without covenant or warranty.

NOTE: The information contained herein is offered for informational purposes only and there are no assurances or warranties with respect to the accuracy of such information. For additional information, please contact David S. Musgrave, Substitute Trustee, (410) 576-4194, dmusgrave@gfrlaw.com or Ron West, auctioneer, Harvey West Auctioneers, LLC, 300 E. Joppa Road, Suite 1103, Towson, Maryland 21286, (410) 769-9797 or rwest@hwestauctions.com.

David S. Musgrave, Substitute Trustee

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE CONDOMINIUM UNIT 201 CONTAINED WITHIN PREMISES of the Wyatt Dougherty Condo Association, **1034 6th Street NE, Unit 201, Washington, DC 20002**. Pursuant to the District of Columbia Condominium Act of 1976, as amended, the Condominium Declaration recorded June 14, 1977, as Instrument No. 7700018114, and the Bylaws relating thereto recorded on June 14, 1977, as Instrument No. 7700018114, as amended by the First Amendment to the Bylaws of the Condominium recorded on December 29, 2025, as Instrument No. 2025125806 among the Land Records of the District of Columbia, and any recorded amendments thereto as of the date hereof, and pursuant to D.C. Code Section 42-1903.13, establishing that the Executive Officer shall be the Trustee to conduct the foreclosure sale, notice was filed on May 15, 2026. The Trustee shall sell at public auction on **Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 12:40 P.M.**, at the office of ALEX COOPER AUCTIONEERS, INC., 4910 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, #100, Washington, DC 20016, the following described premises situated in the District of Columbia:

UNIT NUMBERED 201 IN THE CONDOMINIUM KNOWN AS THE WYATT DOUGHERTY CONDO ASSOCIATION, A CONDOMINIUM, A CONDOMINIUM REGIME CONSTITUTED AND ESTABLISHED UNDER THE CONDOMINIUM ACT OF 1976 AS AMENDED OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BY DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM DATED JUNE 7, 1977 AND RECORDED JUNE 14, 1977 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 7700018114 AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, BYLAWS RECORDED JUNE 14, 1977 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 7700018114, AMONG THE AFORESAID LAND RECORDS, AND BY PLAT RECORDED IN CONDOMINIUM BOOK NO. 20 AT PAGE 23, SHEETS 1-5, IN THE OFFICE OF THE SURVEYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN THE GENERAL COMMON ELEMENTS OF SUCH CONDOMINIUM PROJECT.

TOGETHER WITH ANY AND ALL INTEREST IN THE LIMITED COMMON ELEMENTS APPERTAINING TO SAID UNIT AS DESCRIBED IN SAID DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM.

TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, CONDITIONS, RESERVATIONS, LIMITATIONS, COVENANTS, EASEMENTS AND OTHER MATTERS OF RECORD, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE DECLARATION OF COVENANTS AND EASEMENTS BY DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, DATED JUNE 6, 1977 AND RECORDED JUNE 14, 1977 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 7700018114, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

SAID CONDOMINIUM PROJECT IS SITUATE ON PART OF LOT NUMBERED 2006 IN SQUARE NUMBERED 0830, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SURVEYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA IN LIBER 20 AT PAGE 23 AND THE CONDOMINIUM UNIT HEREIN CONVEYED IS CURRENTLY DESIGNATED IN THE RECORDS OF THE ASSESSOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR TAXATION PURPOSES AS LOT 2006 IN SQUARE 0830.

NOTE: THE CONDOMINIUM UNIT IS BEING SOLD SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS ON LEASING, RESALE AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS CONTAINED IN THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS OF THE CONDOMINIUM.

TERMS OF SALE: Sold subject to real estate taxes, and subject to other superior liens, encumbrances and municipal assessments, if any. The Association is foreclosing on both its six-month priority lien and the balance of the Association's statutory lien against the Property. Other oral information regarding 1034 6th Street NE, Unit 201 may be disclosed at the time of the sale. A deposit of $25,000.00 shall be required at time of sale and such deposit shall be a certified check, cashier's check, or in such other form as the Association, in its sole discretion, requires. All conveyancing, recording, recordation tax, transfer tax etc. shall be at the purchaser's sole expense.

The balance of the purchase price, together with interest at the rate of 10% per annum from date of sale to date of receipt of the balance of the purchase price, must be paid, and all other terms shall be complied with within 30 days. Otherwise, the deposit is forfeited and the property may be re-advertised and resold at the discretion of the Trustee and at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser. The Trustee shall convey a deed pursuant to D.C. Code Section 42-1903.13, and makes no further representations or warranties as to title. The Trustee cannot guarantee clear title or the purchaser's ability to obtain title insurance. For this reason, the purchaser may not be able to obtain financing but must be able to pay the entire purchase price balance, in any case, within 30 days from the date of auction. In the event of the failure on the part of the Trustee to convey such deed for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit.

Contact: Nathan J. Bresee, Esq. at (202) 457-1668, Attorney for the Wyatt Dougherty Condo Association.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Brennan Ferguson et al
Substitute Trustees

Versus

Andrea J Wilson
Kelly H Wilson
Defendant

No C 02 CV 25 003379

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **Thursday May 21 2026** that the sale of the property in the proceed ngs mentioned made and reported by John C Hanrahan Substitute Trustee BE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **22 day of June 2026** next provided a copy of th s Notice be nserted in some newspa per published in Anne Arundel County once in each of three successive weeks before the **22 day of June 2026** next The report states that the amount of sale of the property at **206 Trading Lane Pasadena Maryland 21122** to be **$317 000 00**

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

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Versus

Juan A Hernandez
Defendant

No C 02 CV 25 003601

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **Friday June 05 2026** that the sale of the property in the pro ceedings mentioned made and reported by John C Hanrahan Substitute Trustee BE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **6th day of July 2026** next provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in Anne Arundel County once in each of three successive weeks before the **6th day of July 2026** next The report states that the amount of sale of the property at **526 PRINCE CHARLES AVE ODENTON MARYLAND 21113** to be **$281 000 00**

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
4-UNIT APARTMENT BUILDING IN WASHINGTON, D.C.
620 Mellon Street, SE
WASHINGTON, DC 20032

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain Purchase Money Deed of Trust from Walwyn Deve opment LLC ("Borrower") dated as of June 9, 2015, and recorded with the District of Columbia Recorder of Deeds ("Land Records") on June 16, 2015 as Instrument No. 2015060597 for the benefit of WashingtonFirst Bank ("Beneficiary"), its successors and assigns, and as modified pursuant to those certain Modifications of Deed of Trust, dated as of January 5, 2018 and recorded in the Land Records as nstrument No. 2018004256 and dated January 27, 2023 and recorded in the Land Records as Instrument No. 2023008102 from Walwyn Development LLC, as Grantor, to Sandy Spring Bank, as Lender, (the "Deed of Trust"), and that certain Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property, which was recorded in the Land Records on May 8, 2026 as Instrument No. 2026045425 pursuant to Sections 42-815 and 42-818 of the D.C. Code, the holder of the indebtedness secured thereby having appointed Erin B. McAuliffe, Esquire as Subst tute Trustee by instrument duly executed, acknowledged and recorded among the Land Records as Instrument No. 2026031247, default having occurred under the terms of the Deed of Trust and at the request of the party secured thereby (the "Secured Party"), the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction, within the office of ALEX COOPER AUCTIONEERS, INC., 4910 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W., SUITE 100, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20016 on **Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 11:00 A M.** that certain land and premises.

All that certain lot or parcel of land s tuate in the District of Columbia and being more particularly described as fol ows:

Lot numbered Forty (40) in Square numbered Fifty-nine Hundred Eighty-three (5983) in a subdivision made by Paul D. Crandall, as per plat recorded among the Land Records of the District of Columbia in Liber 103 at folio 183.

The Property is believed to be improved by 4-unit apartment building.

FIXTURES

Pursuant to the Deed of Trust and the UCC Financing Statement recorded in Land Records as Instrument No. 2015060600, Beneficiary ho ds a security interest and lien on all of the assets of Borrower and will sell at public auction on the same date and at the same time and place, ALL OF THE FIXTURES of Borrower ocated on or about the Real Estate that is subject to the security interest and lien of Beneficiary and not owned by any third party.

TOGETHER WITH any and all buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances now erected on the Real Estate, including, without limitation, all equipment, apparatus, machinery and fixtures of any kind or character forming a part of said buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances and located in, upon or about the Real Estate and any buildings thereon all as more particularly described in the Deed of Trust (collectively, the "Property").

The Property will be sold in an "AS IS/WHERE IS" condition without any representations or express or implied warranties of any nature whatsoever. In particular, ne ther the Substitute Trustee nor the Beneficiary make any representation or warranty with respect to, without imitation: (1) the existence, nonexistence, or continued existence, validity, scope or nature of any zoning, land use, development, site plans, occupancy or other governmental permits or approvals; (2) fitness for any particular purpose or use; (3) flood zone designations; (4) compliance with any and all zoning or building laws, regulations and ordinances; (5) the fitness for habitation or the structural integrity or condition of any buildings or improvements; (6) ingress, egress or access to the Property or any portion thereof, whether vehicular, pedestrian or otherwise; (7) the rights of parties in possession, if any, or the existence, validity, terms, conditions or other matters with respect to any lease of all or any portion of the Property; (8) the existence of any security deposits or rental payments; (9) compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act; or (10) the condition of the Property, either patent or latent, of any nature whatsoever, including environmental contamination.

Neither the Substitute Trustee nor the Beneficiary shall have any obligation to obtain possession of the Property. It shall be the purchaser's obligation, at the purchaser's sole cost, to obtain possession of the Property.

RISK OF LOSS, NSURABLE OR OTHERWISE, SHALL PASS TO THE PURCHASER IMMEDIATELY AND AUTOMATICALLY AT THE TIME OF SALE. Ne ther the Substitute Trustee nor the Beneficiary shall have any obligation to obtain or maintain any insurance coverage with respect to the Property.

The Property sha l be sold subject to: (1) any easements, restrictions, declarations, site plans, and restrictive covenants of record affecting the same, including, but not limited to any and all condominium restrictions, declarations, bylaws and plats and amendments thereto; (2) any and all disclosures and conditions on any plats of record affecting all or any portion of the Property; (3) any encroachments, overlaps, boundary line disputes and other matters which could be disclosed by an accurate survey of the Property; (4) any matters which would be disclosed by a physical inspection of the Property; (5) any and all environmental conditions, problems and/or violations, if any, that may exist on, affect or relate to the Property or any buildings or improvements thereon; (6) any and a l zoning laws, regulations, PUD overlays, and ordinances or governmental permits or approvals affecting the Property (including without limitation any housing or building code violations, the existence of any lead paint, asbestos or radon or any other hazardous or toxic substances); and (7) the rights of parties in possession.

The purchaser waives and releases the Substitute Trustee and the Beneficiary and each of their respective affi iates, agents, successors and assigns from any and all claims the purchaser may now have or may have in the future relating to: (1) any environmental cond tion or violation affecting all or any portion of the Property; (2) any existing or future building or zoning code problems or violations; (3) the accuracy or validity of any information described herein; and (4) the physical condition of the Property.

TERMS OF SALE: This advertisement, as amended or supplemented by any oral announcements during the conduct of the sale, constitutes the Substitute Trustee s entire terms upon which the Property shall be offered for sale, sold or purchased. The Substitute Trustee reserves the unqualified right to postpone the sale, withdraw the Property from sale, in whole or in part, at any time before sale or to release the Property, in whole or in part, from the Deed of Trust at any time before the sale. If the Substitute Trustee determines that the final bid is not commensurate with the value of the Property, she may reject the bid and w thdraw the Property from sale. If any dispute arises among the bidders, the Substitute Trustee shall have the sole and final discretion either to determine the successful bidder or to reoffer and resell the Property.

A deposit in the form of a cashier's check or certified check in the amount of $40,000 will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The purchaser shall increase its deposit to ten percent (10%) of the bid price within one business day after the date of the auction. The deposit shall be delivered to the Substitute Trustee, c/o Greenstein DeLorme & Luchs, P.C., 801 17th Street NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20006, Attention: Erin B. McAuliffe, Esq. The deposit shall be held in a non-interest-bearing account and applied to the purchase price at settlement. The Beneficiary, or its nominee or its assignee, if the successful bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. The balance of such purchase price, together with interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum on the unpaid purchase money from the date of sale to date of settlement (as hereinafter specified) must be paid in cash or by certified check on the date of settlement.

If the remainder of the deposit is not received within one (1) business day after the successful bid is selected, the bid shall be nu l and void and there sha l be no obligation to proceed with such bidder.

All outstanding real property taxes shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser. All other taxes and assessments, including, but not limited to, rents, if any, ground rents, other public charges, sewer charges, water rents, regular and special assessments and utilities payable on an annual or any other basis shall be adjusted as of the date of the foreclosure sale and paid by the purchaser at settlement. The purchaser shall pay all expenses and costs required for or incident to its settlement, including, without imitation all, state and local transfer taxes, documentary taxes, recording taxes and fees, title examination costs, title insurance premiums, and attorneys' fees.

The purchaser shall settle and comply with the sale terms within thirty (30) days after date of sale unless said period is extended by the Substitute Trustee, her successors or assigns, for good cause shown. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.

If the purchaser defaults, in addition to any other legal or equitable remedies available to it, the Substitute Trustee may at the Substitute Trustee's option (1) declare the entire deposit forfeited and resell the Property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser and (2) in her sole discretion proceed to immediately, or within thirty (30) days after the default, se l the Property to the next highest bidder (including, without limitation, a credit bidder) based on the next highest bid at the original sale. The purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profit resulting from any resale of all or any portion of the Property.

Neither the Substitute Trustee, the Auctioneer or the Beneficiary or its affiliates are liable individually or otherwise for any matter relating to the sale or to the Property, except that if title to the Property cannot be transferred in accordance w th the terms hereof for any reason, such liabi ity is limited solely to the return of the purchase s deposit. There shall be no other rights or remedies against the Substitute Trustee, the Auctioneer and/or the Beneficiary or any of their respective affiliates, agents, successors and assigns, either in law or equity.

NOTE: The material contained herein describing the Property has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable; however, no express or implied warranty is made as to the accuracy of any description. All dimensions or areas referred to herein are approximate.

For further information regarding the sale and the Property, please contact the offices or visit the website of the Auctioneer.

Erin B. McAuliffe, Esquire, Substitute Trustee

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UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION SALE OF VALUABLE CONDOMINIUM UNIT CONTAINED WITHIN PREMISES at **2001 37th Street, S.E., Unit #201 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20020.** Pursuant to District of Columbia Condominium Act of 1976, Section 313 and under the power of sale contained in the Declaration and Bylaws of the Condominium, recorded on December 22, 1977 as Instrument Number 7700041883, and as amended, and in accordance with Public Law 90-566 and D.C. Code Section 42-1903.13, as amended, notice filed on May 11, 2026, and at the request of the Attorney for the Unit Owners' Association, we shall sell at public auction on **Wednesday the 17th day of June 2026, at 12:25 pm**, within the office of Alex Cooper Auctioneers, 4910 Massachusetts Ave, N.W., #100, Washington, .D.C. 20016.

Unit 201 of the Fairfax Village VIII Condominium Association designated on the Records of the Assessor of the District of Columbia for assessment and taxation purposes as Lot 2010 in Square 5671.

Terms of sale: Sold Subject to the provisions, restrictions, easements and conditions as set forth in the Declaration of Condominium, the By-laws relating thereto, and any and all amendments thereto existing deed(s) of trust and real estate taxes, as applicable; the purchase price above said trust(s) to be paid in cash. Also sold subject to any other prior liens, encumbrances and municipal assessments, if any, as applicable, further particulars of which may be announced at time of sale. A deposit of $21,000.00 will be required at time of sale, such deposit to be in cashier's check, certified check, or in such other form as the attorney for the Owners' Association may require in her sole discretion. All conveyancing, recording, recordation tax, transfer tax, etc. at purchaser's cost. All adjustments made as of date of sale. The balance of the purchase price, together with interest at the rate of 10% per annum from date of sale to date of receipt of the balance of the purchase price, must be paid in cash or by cashier's or certified check and all other terms to be complied with within 30 days, otherwise deposit is forfeited and the property may be re-advertised and sold at the discretion of the Owners' Association and at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser. Association shall convey a deed pursuant to D. C. Code Section 42-1903.13 (c) (1) and (3) as amended, and make no further representations or warranties as to title. The Association reserves the right in its sole discretion to rescind the sale at any time until conveyance of the deed. In the event of failure on the part of the Association to convey such deed, the purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit.

Michelle L. LaRue, Esq., Attorney for Owner's Association

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
20543 SUMMERSONG LANE
GERMANTOWN, MD 20874

JUNE 16, 2026 AT 11:30 AM

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from Hortence Morris, dated March 31, 2008, and recorded in the Land Records of MONTGOMERY COUNTY, Maryland, at Liber 35559, Folio 120, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE will sell at public auction, at the FRONT OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850. All that FEE SIMPLE lot of ground and the improvements thereon, situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY and being more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Purchaser must obtain possession and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of the auction forward.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition, without express or implied warranty as to the nature and description of the improvements as contained herein, and subject to conditions restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $10,000.00 by certified check or cashier's check will be required of the purchaser, cash is not accepted, if other than the note holder, at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for MONTGOMERY COUNTY, Maryland, time being of the essence. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and in addition to any other remedies available to him, the SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE may resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser, who shall be disqualified from bidding at any said resale of the property. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money, at the rate of 4.125%, per annum, from date of sale to date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustee. In the event settlement is delayed for any reason, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, ground rent, if any, water, condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser must obtain possession and assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit. (File# 20543SUMMERSONG JUN16)

GLEN H. TSCHIRGI, Esquire
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE

HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, LLC
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840 Trustees Sale - DC

Rosenberg Martin Greenberg, LLP
25 South Charles Street
21st Floor
Baltimore, MD 21201

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

1825 Kendall Street NE
WASHINGTON, DC 20002
Lot 69 in Square 4047

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain Purchase Money and Credit Line Deed of Trust, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing, executed by 1825 Kendall Street NE LLC, as grantor, on December 21, 2018, to Scott C. Nicholson and Thomas Olin, as trustees, for the benefit of Revere Bank, predecessor-in-interest to Atlantic Union Bank, and recorded with the Recorder of Deeds as Doc. #2018128450 (the "Deed of Trust") securing that certain Note executed on December 21, 2018 in the stated principal amount of $1,586,000.00 (the "Note"), default having occurred thereunder, the holder of said Note (the "Noteholder") having filed with the Records of Deeds: (a) a Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustee as Doc. #2026046613 substituting Jeffrey S. Greenberg (the "Trustee") for Scott C. Nicholson and Thomas Olin; (b) an Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure as Doc No. #2026020592; and (c) a Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit as Doc. #2026047565 the Trustee will offer for sale to the highest qualified bidder at a public auction to be held at the offices of Alex Cooper Auctioneers, Inc. (the "Auctioneer"), 4910 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20016 on:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2026
at 12:10 P.M.

Lot Numbered Eight Hundred and Twenty-Three (823) in Square Numbered Four Thousand and Forty-Seven (4047), now known as Lot Numbered Sixty-Nine (69) in Square Numbered Four Thousand and Forty-Seven (4047).

Property Address: 1825 Kendall Street NE, Washington, D.C. 20002

Parcel ID: 4047/0069 (the "Property").

The Property is believed to be improved by a partially-complete apartment building under construction.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.00) payable in cash, certified check or other form acceptable to the Trustee, will be required of the purchaser(s) at the time and place of the auction. The deposit shall not earn interest. The successful bidder(s) shall pay to the Trustee such additional amount(s) needed, if any, to increase the deposit to ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid within two business days after the auction. The purchaser(s) shall pay interest on the unpaid balance of its purchase price at the rate of 7.75% per annum from the date of the auction to and including the date of settlement. The balance of the purchase price shall be due in cash or by certified check on the date of settlement. In the event the Noteholder, or an affiliate thereof, is the successful bidder at the sale, such party or its assignee will not be required to make a deposit or pay interest on the unpaid balance of the purchase price. The Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any reason. Settlement must occur within thirty (30) days after the date of the auction unless said period is extended by the Trustee in Trustee's sole and absolute discretion. Time is of the essence. Unless the Trustee otherwise agrees, settlement shall be held at the office of the Noteholder, 647 New York Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001.

The Property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition and without any warranties or representations, either express or implied, as to the nature, condition or description of the Property or the improvement thereon. Taxes, water rent and all other municipal charges and liens owed against the Property shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser(s) and shall be paid by the purchaser(s) at settlement. In addition, all other charges, expenses and liens owed against the Property and not extinguished by foreclosure of the Deed of Trust including, but not limited to, real estate taxes, recordation taxes, assessments, ground rents, water charges, condominium fees, HOA fees, sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges owed against the Property, if any, shall also be the responsibility of the purchaser(s). In the event taxes or other municipal charges owing on or with respect to the Property have been prepaid they shall be adjusted at settlement between the Trustee and the purchaser(s) to the date of the foreclosure sale. The Property will also be sold subject to: (a) all existing housing, building and zoning code violations; (b) all critical area and wetland violations; (c) all environmental problems, conditions and violations which may exist on or with respect to the Property; and (d) all matters and restrictions of record affecting the Property. The Property will be sold subject to all of the following that are not extinguished as a matter of law by the foreclosure sale: easements, conditions, liens, restrictions, rights of redemption, covenants, encumbrances, ground rents, ground leases, such state of facts that an accurate survey or physical inspection of the Property might disclose, and agreements of record.

The purchaser(s) at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the Property immediately after the auction takes place. It shall be the purchaser(s)' responsibility to obtain possession of the Property. The purchaser(s) shall pay the cost of all applicable documentary stamps, recordation taxes, document preparation and transfer taxes, title examination costs, attorneys' fees, conveyance fees and all other incidental settlement costs.

In the event the purchaser(s) fails to go to settlement as required, in addition to any other legal or equitable remedies available, the Trustee may declare the deposit forfeited and resell the Property at the purchaser's sole risk and expense. In such event, the defaulting purchaser(s) shall be liable for the payment of any deficiency in the purchase price, all costs and expenses of both sales, reasonable attorneys' fees, all other charges due, and incidental damages. The defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds of the resale.

The parties' respective rights and obligations regarding the terms of sale and the conduct of the sale shall be governed by and interpreted according to the laws of the District of Columbia. If the Trustee is unable to convey the Property as described above, the purchaser(s)' sole remedy at law or in equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit, without interest thereon. Upon refund of the deposit to the purchaser(s), the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser(s) shall have no further claim against the Trustee or the Noteholder. The purchaser(s) shall be required to execute a memorandum or contract of sale at the conclusion of the auction. The information contained herein was obtained from sources deemed to be reliable but is offered for informational purposes only. The Auctioneer, the Noteholder and the Trustees do not make any representations or warranties with respect to the accuracy of this information.

Jeffrey S. Greenberg
Substitute Trustee

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF
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7603 GAMBIER DRIVE
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to MARK H. FRIEDMAN AND KENNETH J. MACFADYEN, Trustee(s), dated February 15, 2007, and recorded among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 27411 , folio 202 , the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

JUNE 22, 2026 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and more fully described in the above-referenced Deed of Trust Tax ID# - 15-1713049.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $30,000.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 2% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser.

Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public/private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent, and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes hall be paid by purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale.

Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The Substitute Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if the ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the purchasers sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of their deposit, without interest.

The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, may be announced at the time and date of sale.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing. File No. (24-06786)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE
Known as
887 BRIGHTON PLACE
GLEN BURNIE MARYLAND 21061

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Stephen W Teal and Nancy E Teal to Anthony J Mohan and Mark S Petrauskas Trustees dated January 14 2009 and recorded in Book 20804 at Page 109 as modified by a Loan Modification Agree ment dated May 7 2024 and recorded in Book 40529 at Page 300 all among the Land Records for Anne Arundel County Maryland the un dersigned substituted trustees (by v rtue of Deed of Appointment be tween The Community Development Administration of the Department of Hous ng and Community Development for the State of Maryland (the "Beneficiary") and said trustees recorded among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County) will on

WEDNESDAY JUNE 24 2026 at 10 00 A M

offer for sale at public auction at the Anne Arundel County Circu t Court located at 8 Church Circle Annapolis Maryland 21401 all of the property and improvements thereon conveyed by said deed of trust described as 887 Brighton Place Glen Burnie Maryland 21061 Tax Identification No 05 807 90031168 (the "Property") and more fully described in the Deed of Trust

TERMS OF SALE The Property which is improved by a dwelling will be offered for sale subject to matters known and unknown in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition with no warranty of any kind and w ll be sold and conveyed by the Substitute Trustees subject to all encumbrances rights reservations covenants conditions easements restrictions and statutory liens if any having priority over the Deed of Trust as they may lawfully affect the Property The Property shall be sold subject to a prior deed of trust dated January 14 2009 and recorded in Book 20804 at Page 89 as modified by a Loan Modification Agreement dated April 29 2024 and recorded in Book 40530 at Page 91 a l among the Land Records for Anne Arundel County Maryland The risk of loss or damage to the Property shall be borne by the successful bidder from and after the date and time of the sale Obtaining possession of the Property shall be the sole responsibility of the successful bidder A de posit of F fteen Thousand and no/100 Dollars ($15 000 00) in the form of certified check or cashier's check (the "Deposit") wi l be required at the t me of sale The Beneficiary is not required to make a Deposit The balance of the purchase price for the Property together with interest at 4 00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of settlement shall be pa d in cash within fifteen (15) days after final ratification of the sale of the Property by the Circuit Court TIME BE NG OF THE ESSENCE WITH REGARD TO ALL OF PURCHASER'S OBLIGATIONS Taxes water sewer ground rent condominium fees and/or homeowners assoc a tion dues if applicable will be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser All other public charges and assessments payable on an annual basis including sanitary and/or metropolitan dis tr ct charges will be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser All costs of conveyance includ ing transfer taxes and recordat on taxes will be paid by the purchaser If any successful b dder fails for any reason to complete settlement as provided above the Deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs of the sale including Substitute Trustees' fees and the balance if any shall be delivered to the Beneficiary to be applied by the Beneficiary against the indebtedness secured by and other amounts due under the Deed of Trust in accordance with the Deed of Trust or applicable law or otherwise as the Benefic ary shall elect Forfeiture of the Depos it shall not limit any rights or remedies of the Substitute Trustees or the Beneficiary w th respect to any such default If the Property s resold after any such default such re sale sha l be at the risk and the cost of the failing bidder and the failing bidder shall be liable for any deficiency between its bid and the successful bid at the resale as well as the costs of conducting such re sale The purchaser agrees to accept service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address prov ded by said purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Mot on or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property In the event the Sub stitute Trustees do not execute a deed of conveyance or other neces sary settlement documents the purchaser's sole remedy shall be the refund of the Deposit In the event the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable t tle or in the event the borrower entered into a repayment plan reinstated or paid the loan off prior to the sale filed for bankruptcy or if for any other reason the undersigned did not have the right to sell the sale is nu l and void and the purchaser is not entitled to any legal or equitable remedy other than return of the Deposit without interest and any and all other claims of the purchaser are hereby re leased The Substitute Trustees reserve the right (i) to waive or modify the deposit requirement (ii) to approve the creditworthiness of any bidder or final purchaser (iii) to withdraw all or part of the Property from sale at any time prior to the terminat on of b dding (iv) to keep the bidd ng open for any length of time (v) to reject any or all bids and (vi) to postpone the sale all as the Substitute Trustees may determine in their discretion Addit onal terms and conditions to be announced at the time of sale A l inquiries regarding the sale should be d rected to Stephen B Jackson Substituted Trustee

STEPHEN B JACKSON and **STEVEN P HENNE**
Substitute Trustees

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Hunt Valley, MD 21031
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TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
1807 HAVRE DE GRACE
EDGEWATER, MD 21037

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated April 16, 2020, and recorded in Liber 34564, folio 192, of the land records of ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY , with an original principal balance of $244000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401 ON,

JUNE 30, 2026 at 10:00AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 01-904-90037882

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article A§ 11-110 and A§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE:A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $22,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 3.5% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (25-377670ADC)

KEITH YACKO, DAVID WILLIAMSON,
Substitute Trustees

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856 Frederick County

CIRCUIT COURT FOR FREDERICK COUNTY MARYLAND
100 West Patrick Street
Frederick Maryland 21701
Clerk of the Court 301 600 1976
Assignment Office
301 600 2015

Case Number
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Other Reference Numbers

KEITH YACKO

VS

RORY VAUGHAN ET AL

Date 05/19/2026

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice s hereby issued by the Circuit Court for Frederick Coun ty this **19th day of May 2026** that the sale made and recorded by Kendall E Clark Esq for the sale of the property described in these proceedings

4607 FELDSPAR RD
MIDDLETOWN MD 21769

be ratified and confirmed thir ty (30) days from the date of this Notice unless cause to the contrary be shown provided a copy of this Not ce be inserted n some Newspaper published n this County once in each of three (3) successive weeks The report states the amount of the sale to be **$346 000 00**

Sandra K Dalton
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CHARLES COUNTY MARYLAND

Brennan Ferguson et al
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs

v

Corey M Robinson
Defendant

Case No C 08 CV 25 000386

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued th s **29th day of May 2026** that the sale of property in this case **6340 Josephine Rd Waldorf Maryland 20601** reported by Brennan Ferguson John C Han rahan Jeremy B Wilkins Amanda Driscole Robert Oliveri and Paul Heinmuller Substitute Trustees be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **29th day of June 2026** provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in The Washington Post a newspaper published in Charles County Maryland once n each of three (3) successive weeks on or be fore the **28th day of June 2026** The report states the amount of sale to be **$277 681 70**

L sa E Yates
Clerk

Jun 5 12 19 2026 0012520295

856 Frederick County

CIRCUIT COURT FOR FREDERICK COUNTY MARYLAND
100 West Patrick Street
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KEITH YACKO

VS

ANDREW CARSON ET AL

Date 05/19/2026

852 Anne Arundel County

Brock and Scott, PLLC
5431 Oleander Drive
Wilmington NC, 28403

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
1244 Guildford Road
Glen Burnie, MD 21060

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to DAVID E. WATERS AND ANTHONY B. OLMERT SR, Trustee(s), dated December 17, 2020, and recorded among the Land Records of ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 35884 , folio 156, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401 ON,

JUNE 16, 2026 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT LEASEHOLD LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD and more fully described in the above-referenced Deed of Trust Tax ID# - 03-418-00992800.

Property is subject to an annual ground rent in the amount of $120.00 due and payable on the 1st day of May and November in each and every year.
The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $23,500.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 2.875% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser.

Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public/private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent, and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes hall be paid by purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale.

Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The Substitute Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if the ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the purchasers sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of their deposit, without interest.

The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, may be announced at the time and date of sale.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing. File No. (23-01270)

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
17706 OLD FREDERICK RD
MOUNT AIRY, MD 21771

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated October 7, 2021, and recorded in Liber 21327, folio 343, of the land records of HOWARD COUNTY , with an original principal balance of $754,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE HOWARD COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 9250 JUDICIAL WAY, ELLICOTT CITY, MD 21043 ON,

JUNE 23, 2026 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in HOWARD COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 04-309936

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE:A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $71,500.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 5.125% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (25-368127)

KEITH YACKO, DAVID WILLIAMSON, Substitute Trustees

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Hunt Valley, MD 21031
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TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
7301 ROCKY CREEK DR
COLUMBIA, MD 21046

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated April 25, 2006, and recorded in Liber 9968, folio 232, of the land records of HOWARD COUNTY , with an original principal balance of $416,737.53, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE HOWARD COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 9250 JUDICIAL WAY, ELLICOTT CITY, MD 21043 ON,

JUNE 23, 2026 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in HOWARD COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 06-555128

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE:A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $38,500.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 7.118% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (25-294321)

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Jun 5,12,19, 2026 0012518414

SR. STUDENT SERVICES COORDINATOR AND OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR ★

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Industry: Education

873 Prince William County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 16973 Takeaway Ln Dumfries VA 22026

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the or ginal principal amount of $50 000 00 dated August 3 2023 recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for Pr nce William County on Sep tember 18 2023 as Instrument Number 202309180048332 the undersigned appointed Substi tute Trustee wi l offer for sale at public auction at the Main entrance of the courthouse for the Circuit Court of Prince Wil liam County 9311 Lee Avenue Manassas VA 20110 on **August 10 2026 at 04 15 PM** the prop erty described in said deed of trust located at the above ad dress and briefly described as

LOT 131 PHASE 2A SEC TION 3 HARBOUR STATION AS THE SAME IS DULY DED ICATED IN INSTRUMENT NUMBER 201304040034846 AND AS SHOWN ON PLAT AT INSTRUMENT NUMBER 201304040034847 RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY VIR GINIA Tax ID 8289 86 7996

TERMS OF SALE A bidder's de posit of $5 000 00 or 10% of the sale pr ce whichever is lower will be required in the form of a certified or cashier's check Cash will not be accepted as a deposit Settlement within fif teen (15) days of sale otherwise Trustee may forfeit deposit Fin CEN report ng will be requ red of all successful purchasers absent a lawful exemption Additional terms to be announced at sale This is a communication from a debt collector This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any informat on obtained will be used for that purpose

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THE WEATHER

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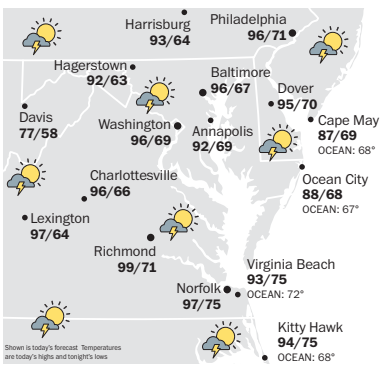
Hot and heavy (thunderstorms)

Friday will once again bring the heat with highs in the upper 90s and a heavy thunderstorm late in the afternoon. Morning will be partly sunny, hot and humid, with afternoon temperatures reaching 96 degrees, accompanied by a storm that will continue through the evening. A heat advisory is likely to remain in effect from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., with temperatures dropping to 68 degrees overnight.

AccuWeather FORECAST

Today	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Heavy t-storm	Mostly sunny	T-storm possible	Mostly sunny	Showers possible	Partly sunny
96° 69°	**87°** 68°	**90°** 68°	**81°** 65°	**74°** 63°	**81°** 65°
REALFEEL®: **105°**	REALFEEL® **91°**	REALFEEL® **97°**	REALFEEL® **86°**	REALFEEL® **78°**	REALFEEL® **87°**
CHANCE PRECIP: **90%**	CHANCE PRECIP: **0%**	CHANCE PRECIP: **55%**	CHANCE PRECIP: **0%**	CHANCE PRECIP: **30%**	CHANCE PRECIP: **0%**
WIND: **WSW 7–14 mph**	WIND: **NNW 6–12 mph**	WIND: **SSW 8–16 mph**	WIND: **NW 7–14 mph**	WIND: **ESE 6–12 mph**	WIND: **SSE 4–8 mph**
HUMIDITY: **Very High**	HUMIDITY: **Moderate**	HUMIDITY: **Very High**	HUMIDITY: **Moderate**	HUMIDITY: **Moderate**	HUMIDITY: **Moderate**

REGION TODAY



Pollen: High
Observed rat ngs on 6/11

Grass	Low
Trees	Low
Weeds	Low
Mold	High

Today's Air Quality & UV forecast

Air Quality: Good
Main pollutant: Ozone

UV: Extreme
11 out of 11+

Blue Ridge: *Shenandoah National Park:* Today, the temperature near the record of 95 from 2010, a heavy thunderstorm. High 94. Winds west 6–12 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy. • *Great Smoky Mtns. National Park:* Today, showers, a heavier thunderstorm in the afternoon; storms can bring hail and damaging winds. High 74. Winds west 7–14 mph.

Atlantic beaches: *Ocean City, MD:* Today, humid, a thunderstorm in spots late this afternoon. High 88. Winds west–southwest 6–12 mph. Tonight, a thunderstorm this evening. • *Virginia Beach:* Today, partly sunny, a thunderstorm around, hot. High 93. Winds south–southwest 7–14 mph. Tonight, a heavy thunderstorm. Low 75.

Waterways: *Upper Potomac River:* Today, mainly cloudy, a heavy thunderstorm in the afternoon. Wind west 4–8 knots. Waves under a foot. • *Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay:* Today, partly sunny, a heavy thunderstorm in the afternoon. Wind south 6–12 knots. Waves 0–1 foot on the Lower Potomac..• *River Stages:* The stage at Little Falls will be around 3 40 feet today, falling to 3.30 Saturday. Flood stage at Little Falls is 10 feet.

Today's tides (Shown are High tides in **Bold** and low tides)

Washington	**5:45 a.m.**	1:17 p.m.	**6:24 p.m.**	none
Annapolis	**3:22 a.m.**	10:09 a.m.	**2:52 p.m.**	9:05 p.m.
Ocean City	**5:21 a.m.**	11 26 a.m.	**5:56 p.m.**	none
Norfolk	1:30 a.m.	**7:22 a.m.**	1:18 p.m.	**7:48 p.m.**
Point Lookout	6 24 a.m.	**11:09 a.m.**	4:46 p.m.	**none**

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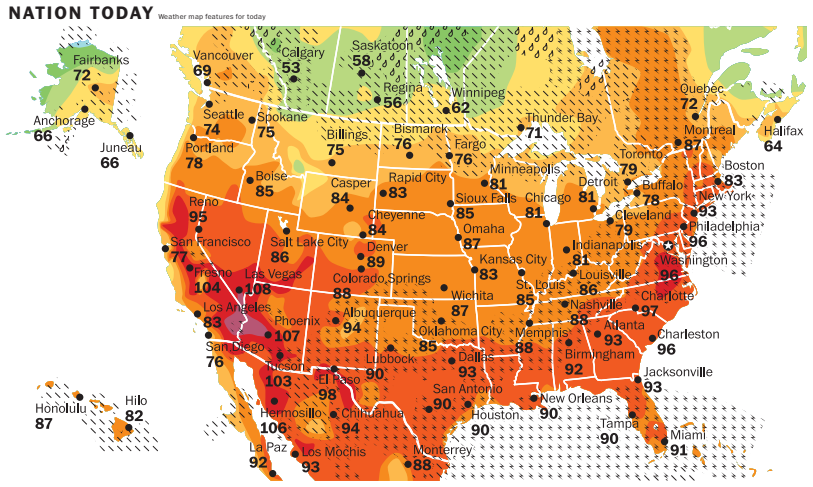
Weather map features for today



Showers | T-storms | Rain | Flurries | Snow | Ice

< 10 | 0s | 0s | 10s | 20s | 30s | 40s | 50s | 60s | 70s | 80s | 90s | 100s | 110+

Yesterday's National
High: Blythe, CA **108°**
Low: Stanley, ID **20°**
For the 48 cont guous states

Yesterday's World
High: Nawabshah, Pakistan **124°**
Low: Rea Point, Canada **15°**
Excludes Antarctica

NATIONAL	Today	Tomorrow
Albany, NY	92/62/t	85/62/s
Albuquerque	94/68/t	95/65/pc
Anchorage	66/51/pc	63/52/c
Atlanta	93/75/s	91/76/t
Austin	92/74/t	91/74/t
Baltimore	96/67/t	89/66/s
Billings, MT	75/48/s	63/43/sh
Birmingham	92/73/t	91/72/t
Bismarck, ND	76/49/s	63/44/pc
Boise	85/51/s	84/54/s
Boston	83/69/t	86/67/pc
Buffalo	78/62/t	78/68/s
Burlington, VT	92/59/t	87/63/s
Charleston, SC	96/76/t	96/77/t
Charleston, WV	85/60/t	85/62/pc
Charlotte	97/74/t	94/72/t
Cheyenne, WY	84/47/s	65/43/pc
Chicago	81/64/s	87/61/pc
Cincinnati	81/60/s	85/68/pc
Cleveland	79/60/pc	85/69/pc
Dallas	93/77/t	94/78/pc
Denver	89/52/s	77/50/pc
Des Moines	83/63/s	76/51/t
Detroit	81/60/pc	87/66/s
El Paso	98/75/t	100/78/t
Fairbanks, AK	72/51/pc	78/52/c
Fargo, ND	76/51/sh	66/49/c
Hartford, CT	94/65/t	89/60/s
Honolulu	87/70/s	85/72/pc
Houston	90/76/t	92/78/t
Indianapolis	81/62/s	82/66/s
Jackson, MS	93/75/t	93/75/t
Jacksonville, FL	93/75/c	96/75/t
Kansas City, MO	83/66/s	80/58/t
Las Vegas	108/84/s	109/84/s
Little Rock	87/75/t	90/74/t
Los Angeles	83/64/s	81/64/s
Louisville	86/63/t	88/71/c
Memphis	88/75/t	93/75/t
Miami	91/76/t	91/76/t
Milwaukee	80/64/s	83/57/t
Minneapolis	81/61/s	73/53/pc
Nashville	88/65/t	93/74/pc
New Orleans	90/76/t	91/77/t
New York City	93/70/t	89/71/s
Norfolk	97/75/t	85/69/s
Oklahoma City	85/73/t	94/69/t
Omaha	87/65/s	78/53/t
Orlando	92/75/t	94/75/t
Philadelphia	96/71/t	90/70/s
Phoenix	107/87/pc	109/88/pc
Pittsburgh	81/60/t	83/63/s
Portland, ME	73/59/t	82/58/pc
Portland, OR	78/54/s	89/60/s
Providence, RI	89/69/t	90/64/s
Raleigh, NC	102/75/t	96/74/t
Reno, NV	95/61/s	93/62/s
Richmond	99/71/t	90/68/s
Sacramento	101/58/s	97/57/s
St. Louis	85/68/s	81/66/t
St. Thomas, VI	87/80/t	89/79/s
Salt Lake City	86/59/s	85/58/s
San Diego	76/66/pc	76/66/pc
San Francisco	77/56/s	74/58/pc
San Juan, PR	90/78/c	91/78/pc
Seattle	74/54/pc	81/60/s
Spokane, WA	75/51/pc	78/55/s
Syracuse	84/57/t	82/64/s
Tampa	90/77/t	90/78/t
Wichita	87/73/c	94/62/t

WORLD	Today	Tomorrow
Addis Ababa	82/56/pc	82/58/pc
Amsterdam	67/58/r	63/56/sh
Athens	88/68/pc	81/62/sh
Auckland	61/46/pc	61/48/s
Baghdad	108/82/pc	106/83/s
Bangkok	93/80/r	97/80/r
Beijing	90/65/pc	78/66/t
Berlin	65/54/r	70/51/sh
Bogota	68/51/r	66/51/r
Brussels	66/57/sh	68/53/pc
Buenos Aires	60/50/pc	59/39/sh
Cairo	93/73/pc	95/73/pc
Caracas	77/68/c	78/67/pc
Copenhagen	63/53/r	61/51/r
Dakar	83/75/s	83/75/s
Dublin	65/50/pc	67/46/pc
Edinburgh	63/51/sh	61/47/sh
Frankfurt	69/59/sh	76/52/s
Geneva	77/52/s	84/53/pc
Ham., Bermuda	79/74/pc	80/73/pc
Helsinki	65/47/c	63/48/sh
Ho Chi Minh City	95/78/r	93/77/r
Hong Kong	86/81/r	88/82/r
Islamabad	90/73/t	93/75/pc
Istanbul	83/67/s	72/62/sh
Jerusalem	83/63/s	81/64/s
Johannesburg	73/41/pc	74/44/pc
Kabul	85/60/pc	82/62/pc
Kingston, Jam.	89/79/t	88/79/r
Kolkata	92/81/r	93/82/t
Kyiv	78/55/pc	70/55/pc
Lagos	86/76/r	85/76/t
Lima	76/68/c	76/68/c
Lisbon	93/70/pc	90/65/pc
London	71/55/c	72/53/pc
Madrid	94/67/s	94/68/pc
Manila	97/81/t	96/80/t
Mexico City	76/57/r	75/59/r
Montreal	87/62/t	80/65/sh
Moscow	87/64/pc	82/57/sh
Mumbai	97/86/t	96/86/sh
Nairobi	74/58/r	73/59/c
New Delhi	93/80/t	100/82/s
Oslo	62/52/sh	61/52/sh
Ottawa	83/57/t	81/61/sh
Paris	78/57/c	80/54/pc
Prague	61/55/sh	71/49/sh
Rio de Janeiro	78/70/pc	77/68/pc
Riyadh	112/83/s	111/83/s
Rome	87/62/pc	84/59/s
San Salvador	81/66/r	85/68/sh
Santiago	66/46/c	63/38/c
Sarajevo	70/46/pc	76/52/pc
Seoul	81/60/s	88/67/pc
Shanghai	92/75/pc	80/71/r
Singapore	88/80/sh	91/80/t
Stockholm	67/49/s	60/49/sh
Sydney	68/55/pc	71/61/pc
Taipei City	77/73/r	84/74/r
Tehran	99/78/pc	98/75/pc
Tokyo	78/67/sh	80/69/pc
Toronto	79/62/pc	82/68/sh
Vienna	68/58/pc	78/59/sh
Warsaw	67/51/sh	68/51/sh

Key: **s** sunny **pc** partly c oudy **c** c oudy **r** rain **sh** showers **t** thunderstorms **sf** snow flurr es **sn** snow **i** ice

Sources: **AccuWeather.com**; US Army Central zed Allergen Extract Lab (pollen data); aimnow gov (air qual ty data); National Weather Serv ce

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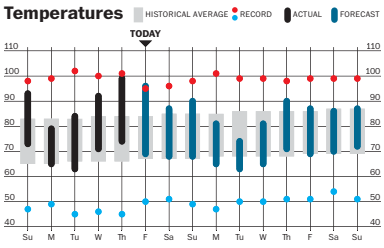
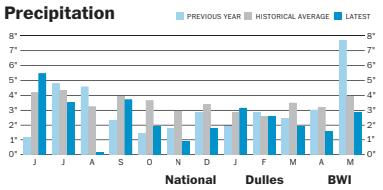


Statistics through 5 p.m. Thursday

	National	Dulles	BWI
High	**99°** 3:14 p.m.	**94°** 3:00 p.m.	**97°** 3:26 p.m.
Low	**74°** 4:00 a.m.	**72°** 5:00 a.m.	**73°** 4:00 a.m.
Historical Average	84°/66°	82°/61°	83°/61°
Record high	101° 1911	95° 2016	99° 1911
Record low	45° 1913	40° 1972	40° 1972

Difference from 30–yr. avg. (National): this month: **+2.6°** yr. to date: **+0.1°**

Precipitation



	National	Dulles	BWI
Past 24 hours	Trace	0.00"	0.10"
Total this month	0.09"	0.57"	0.24"
Historical Average (month)	1 45"	1.62"	1 49"
Total this year	12.12"	15 49"	13.07"
Historical Average (year)	17.58"	18.86"	18.72"

Moon Phases

June 14	June 21	June 29	July 7
New	First Quarter	Full	Last Quarter

Solar system

	Rise	Set
Sun	5:42 a.m.	8:34 p.m.
Moon	3:09 a.m.	6:08 p.m.
Venus	8:30 a.m.	11:12 p.m.
Mars	3:49 a.m.	5:48 p.m.
Jupiter	8 21 a.m.	10:54 p.m.
Saturn	2 23 a.m.	2:49 p.m.

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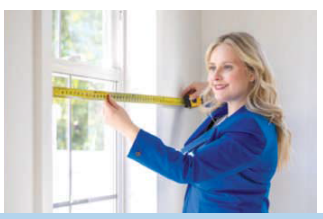

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MUSIC - CONCERTS					
A Gala Benefit Concert for Alzheimers Association	Friday, June 19 at 7:30 p.m. Commonwealth Brass Quintet, Frank Conlon, piano	Brian Q. Thorne, tenor ~ Jennifer Borghi, soprano ~ Thomas Vogt, piano ~ Bonnie Cohen, viola ~ Jung-Yoon Lee, piano ~ Anna Odell, harp ~ Marian Drake, mezzo soprano ~ Sonya Hayes, violin ~ Irvin Peterson, tenor ~ Hank Cornette, cello ~ Peter Omelchenko, domra	**First Presbyterian Church 601 N Vermont St, Arlington, VA - Free Parking Entrance Ramp Available** **All donations go to Alzheimers Association**	No tickets required Bring a friend and give what you can!	First Presbyterian Church Arlington is not an official sponsor of this concert
Summer Concert Series with Singing Sergeants	Saturday, June 13 at 7 P.M.	Join the U.S. Air Force Band for a FREE concert in the Summer Concert Series on Saturday evening at Plaza Stage at the National Harbor Waterfront. FREE and open to the public, no tickets required! All outdoor concerts are subject to weather cancellation. Check our social media for cancellation information.	**Plaza Stage National Harbor Blvd Oxon Hill, MD** **MORE INFORMATION AT USAIRFORCEBAND.COM**	FREE	Find The U.S. Air Force Band on FB/IG @ USAFBand and YouTube @ TheUSAF Band
The Pack Drumline The Alden Summer Concerts Series	Thursday, June 18, 7 p.m.	Celebrate Juneteenth the HBCU way with The Pack Drumline! Join the percussive party at McLean Central Park with Pack's electrifying show that has brought audiences to their feet from Vegas to primetime. Find our entire summer lineup at aldentheatre.org.	**McLean Central Park Amphitheatre 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd, McLean, Va., 22101 703-790-0123, TTY:711 aldentheatre.org**	Free!	Free parking!
Washington Balalaika Orchestra Svetlana Nikonova, Conductor	Sat., June 13; 7:30 pm Resurrection Church Burtonsville, MD Sun., June 14; 3 pm Capital One Hall Tysons, VA	Musicians perform world class music on balalaikas, domras, winds, accordions plus the bandura of Ukraine! Repertoire of many composers, genres and time periods. From "Dance Macabre" to "Hungarian Rhapsody," Tchaikovsky to Gershwin, and waltzes to klezmer.	**June 13: 3315 Greencastle Road, Burtonsville, MD** **June 14: 7750 Capital One Tower Rd, Tysons, VA** **www.balalaika.org**	Adult: $35 Sr./ Mil.: $30 Students: $15 Child under 12 $5.	Tickets online at www.balalaika.org; also sold at door; group rates available
MUSIC - CHAMBER					
Alcee Chriss, III ORGAN Bach, Rameau, Price, Cage and More	Sunday, June 14, 3pm FREE	Continuing our Free Concert Series, we are thrilled to welcome featured star in the PBS documentary *Pipe Dreams* (2019), Alcee Chriss III, an award-winning organist. Dr. Chriss will perform works from Bach, Rameau, Cage, Price, among others, as well as a work by Chriss himself.	**Wisconsin Ave. at Tenley Circle 5 min walk from Tenleytown Metro Free Parking stanndc.org/music**	FREE	Arrive early for the best seats. Bring a friend or neighbor!
OPERA					
THE SONG OF SAKUNTALA By Timothy Nelson	ONLY 3 SHOWS LEFT! 6/12 at 7pm; 6/13 at 7pm; 6/14 at 2:30pm	World premiere opera *The Song of Sakuntala* blends Western and Indian classical music in a new musical setting of one of the most famous South Asian plays.	**ATLAS Performing Arts Center 1333 H St NE, WDC 20002 www.inseries.org**	Starting at $40	ATLAS's Box Office: 202 399-7993. Ext 501

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EMBASSY OF SWEDEN

The Embassy of Sweden presents its annual Swedish Midsummer Celebration, which will include lawn games, maypole dancing and music on the National Mall.

Swedish Midsummer

Create a flower crown and groove to Abba hits on the National Mall during the Embassy of Sweden's annual Swedish Midsummer Celebration. The major Swedish holiday of Midsummer, which celebrates the summer solstice, gets a D.C. spin with a bring-your-own picnic party right in front of the Washington Monument at the Sylvan Theater. Activities include lawn games, dancing around the maypole, giveaways, and sets from DJ G-Money and Swedish cover band One Hell of a Band playing songs by groups including Roxette and Ace of Base.

Follow the event page for updates in case of inclement weather.
When: Friday from 6 to 9:30 p.m.
Where: Sylvan Theater, Independence Avenue and 15th Street SW. *swedishmidsummerDC26.eventbrite.com*.
Admission: Free; online registration encouraged.

ALX Jazz Fest

Alexandria brings in three days worth of free musical performances for this year's ALX Jazz Fest, happening at the Old Town's Waterfront Park. Each day is themed around a different genre, starting with "Americana Roots Music" on Friday and "American Jazz" on Saturday, featuring performances by trumpeter Alex Parchment and mezzo soprano Kayazhanna Donaldson, interspersed with poetry readings. Sunday is dedicated to "Future Sounds of America," including DJ sets and shows from 10-piece salsa group Orquesta Manplesa and multi-hyphenate hip-hop/soul/gogo outfit Future Band. The festival coincides with the nearby "Sails on the Potomac" event for America's 250th birthday, featuring historic programs and ship tours.

When: Friday from 1 to 6 p.m., Saturday from noon to 9:05 p.m., Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.

Where: Waterfront Park, 1A Prince St., Alexandria. *alexandriava.gov*.

Admission: Free.

'Bleak Week'

Consider this the feel-bad movie event of the year: "Bleak Week: Cinema of Despair," AFI Silver's upcoming film festival presented in partnership with the American Cinematheque pulls together more than a dozen of the most depressing flicks ever made. Naturally, a Lars von Trier film is on the docket ("Breaking the Waves"), along with Stephen King adaptation "Misery" and movies that live in infamy, like Pier Paolo Pasolini's "Salò, or the 120 Days of Sodom." Buy a ticket for Béla Tarr's 439-minute "Sátántangó," which will include two intermissions, and the price includes a caffeinated drink as well as a certificate upon completion of this epic. Stick around for an "Unhappy Hour" on Friday after Soviet anti-war film "Come and See" to decompress with fellow moviegoers over drinks.

When: Friday through Thursday.

Where: AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring. *silver.afi.com*.

Tickets: $8- $25.

Juneteenth

Juneteenth is next Friday, but celebrations get started on Saturday in Prince George's and Montgomery counties. The annual **Juneteenth Festival** takes over Watkins Park in Upper Marlboro, with live music from artists including Rare Essence and the Proverbs Reggae Band; living history demonstrations and exhibits; dance performances; craft activities; food trucks; and a marketplace with local vendors. (*Noon to 5 p.m. pgparks.com. Free.*)

The birthday of **Josiah Henson**, who escaped enslavement in Montgomery County before writing a book that may have served as an inspiration for "Uncle Tom's Cabin," is celebrated with a family day at the Josiah Henson Museum and Park in North Bethesda. Activities include stories told by griot the Honorable Baba-C, games and crafts. (*10 a.m. to 4 p.m. montgomeryparks.org. Free.*)

The Scotland community was founded by William Dove, the first Black man to own land in Potomac. Now, Scotland's week-long **Juneteenth Heritage Festival** is one of the biggest in the area. Celebrations begin Saturday night at the Bethesda Theatre, with gospel star Hezekiah Walker and his Love Fellowship Choir. (*7 p.m. juneteenthscotland.org. $60.*) Festivities continue throughout next week, including a comedy show at the BlackRock Center for the Arts (Monday) and football, cheer and basketball clinics for students. A full schedule is available on the website.

Reopening of the Smithsonian Arts and Industries Building

America's first "National Museum" has, over the years, displayed triceratops bones, the Star-Spangled Banner and dresses worn by first ladies. But for most of this century, it's opened to the public only for special events. This summer, it's open regular hours to showcase the traveling exhibit "Voices and Votes," about participation and democracy, and to house the Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage's activities, including music, demonstrations and discussions with curators and artists. Tuesday's opening day features "Latin Music Fans: Making Culture & Keeping Tradition," a conversation that includes DJs and the curator of the new "¡Puro Ritmo!" exhibition at the American History museum. See the Smithsonian's website for a full schedule.

When: Open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Tuesday through Sept. 7.

Where: Smithsonian Arts and Industries Building, 900 Jefferson Dr. SW. si.edu/arts-and-industries.

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Plan Ahead Noteworthy events over the next few weeks

June 27 Red Bull Spin Off

The world's wackiest bike race might just be the Red Bull Spin Off, which enlists participants to ride custom-designed tandem bicycles over a floating track with narrow pathways and balance-testing elements designed to create epic wipeouts. The Spin Off, which originated in the Netherlands, arrives in D.C. for the first time after races across Europe. Watch 40 teams try their darnedest to get to the finish line, all the while being judged on creativity, showmanship, and, of course, speed. *10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Wharf's District Pier, 760 Maine Ave, SW. redbull.com. Free.*

June 27-28 Montgomery Heritage Days

History buffs in Montgomery County are spoiled for choice during Heritage Days, an annual summer event that features special programming at 30 historical, cultural and outdoor recreation sites across the county, all free of charge. Consult the Heritage Days brochure to plot out your activities over what's sure to be a busy weekend. Children can learn how to milk a cow and snag a balloon animal at the King Barn Dairy MOOseum in Boyds, learn about bats and try fly-fishing at Poolesville's B-CC Izaak Walton League's Conservation Farm, take a free carousel ride at Glen Echo Park or play with a toy train set at the Historic Silver Spring B&O Railroad Station. Adults might want to explore a lock house along the C&O Canal or discover some of Maryland's "champion trees" at the Woodend Nature Sanctuary. *Various times at locations across Montgomery County. heritagemontgomery.org. Free.*

June 27-28 Giant Barbecue Battle

One of D.C.'s quintessential summer block parties is getting even bigger to coincide with America's 250th birthday, bringing in more pitmasters from across the U.S. to compete for more than $50,000 in prizes. As the smell of grilled meat wafts down Pennsylvania Avenue, you'll also hear music from six stages, including the new Pepsi Art to Go-Go Tent with an exclusively go-go set list, thanks to headliners Rare Essence, the Chuck Brown Band and Junkyard Band. Edible entertainment includes live cooking demos or watching barbecue masters compete. The 34th annual food festival, sponsored by the Giant grocery store chain, is adding a new "Corks to Caps" beer and wine garden this year stocked with beer, wine, alcoholic seltzers and canned cocktails. Comes hungry, with barbecue available for purchase as well as eats for sale from a D.C. "Restaurant Row" that includes the likes of Smokecraft Modern Barbecue, Money Muscle BBQ and DCity Smokehouse. Food freebies are another big draw here, with metric tons of food and beverage samples to be given away. *Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Pennsylvania Avenue NW between Third and Seventh Streets. bbqindc.com. $21.20-$79.50; Free for kids younger than 12.*

STRATHMORE

Strathmore kicks off its Live From the Lawn series, which will feature an array of music genres.

June 28 District Creates Festival

Support your craftiest neighbors at District Creates, a one-day event put on by the DC Maker's Guild, featuring a shopping marketplace, live demos and conversations with makers. The nonprofit's outdoor festival is devoted to local artisans and craftspeople, with plenty of shopping opportunities and a chance for ticket holders to get creative with all-ages craft activities and hands-on "Make & Take" workshops for pass holders. The day also includes live music, a beer garden and food trucks. *11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Bridge District, 633 Howard Road SE. dcmakers.org. $10 for adults and $4 for children ages 2 to 12 for general admission. $40-$145 for all access passes.*

July 1 Strathmore Live From the Lawn: Strutman Lane

Every summer, Strathmore takes the music out of the concert hall and into the fresh air with its free Live From the Lawn series, held on the Gudelsky Gazebo stage on the performing arts center's 16-acre campus. The first alfresco concert, with local eight-piece funk and pop band Strutman Lane, takes place July 1. The series continues on Wednesdays and one Saturday through Aug. 12, with an eclectic lineup that includes flamenco-pop Maruja Limón outfit on July 8, bluegrass trio Damn Tall Buildings on July 22 and Creole roots singer Marcella Simien on Aug. 1. All of these outdoor concerts are family-friendly events, but for shows on the lawn geared especially toward little ones, check out Cool Concerts for Kids happening at 7 p.m. on select Thursdays. *7:30 p.m. Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. strathmore.org. Free, $10 donation suggested and online RSVP encouraged.*

— Adele Chapin

HERITAGE MONTGOMERY

Heritage Days features special programming at 30 historical, cultural and outdoor recreation sites across Montgomery County.

A prideful week of celebrations of the LGBTQ+ community

BY FRITZ HAHN

The Capital Pride Parade and Festival are on the horizon, but first, there's a full week of dance parties, drag shows and family events across the area. Find more ways to celebrate Pride at *goingoutguide.com*.

DC Latinx Pride Kickoff at Crush

Crush welcomes Latinx Pride with the coronation of its royal court: Ms. DC Latinx Pride Vida Rangel, Mx. DC Latinx Pride Steph Niaupari, Mr. DC Latinx Pride Adrian Gaston Garcia, and Ms. Drag DC Latinx Pride Lady J Monroe. The night also includes music, dancing and mixing and mingling, and a chance to learn about Pride events. *Friday from 6 to 10 p.m. latinxhistoryproject.org. Free.*

Annapolis Pride Month events

Maryland's capital hosts its Pride parade and festival in October but acknowledges the state's Pride Month with events throughout June, including a fashion show and reception (Friday); historic walking tours of Queer Annapolis (Saturday); and a Sapphic Speakeasy (June 26). More events, from soccer games to beer tastings, are on the Annapolis Pride website. *Friday through June 27. annapolispride.org. Prices vary.*

Pride on the Pier at the Wharf

Drag, a DJ and waterfront fireworks — what more could you want from a community Pride celebration? The seventh annual party at the Wharf, hosted with the Washington Blade, features an afternoon of dancing and entertainment on the District Pier, followed by a fireworks display. Admission to the pier and beer gardens is free, and there's a VIP option with access to an air-conditioned lounge and private bathrooms. VIP tickets ($25) include one drink. *Saturday from 4 to 9 p.m. prideonthepierdc.com. Free-$25.*

Five Women Artists Tour: Pride at the National Museum of Women in the Arts

Get a close look at works by five artists from the museum's collection during a special interactive Pride-themed tour. The tour is included with museum admission, but guests must register. *Saturday from noon to 12:45 p.m. nmwa.org. $13-$16; free for visitors with disabilities and ages 21 and younger.*

Pride Family Day at Glen Echo Park

The sixth annual Pride Family Day at Glen Echo includes free carousel rides and admission to the park's aquarium while supplies last, arts and crafts activities, and snacks and drinks. Discounted admission to the day's Puppet Co. performances of "The Little Price" and "The Community Helpers Experience" with the discount code "PRIDE26." *Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. glenechopark.org/pridefamilyday. Free; $10 suggested donation.*

Boozy Book Fair: Queer Edition at Merry Pin

Find your perfect summer read when Merry Pin and People's Book team up for an adult version of the classic schoolbook fair. The selection includes new fiction, classic queer literature, graphic novels and must-read memoirs, and there are crafting stations where guests can make pronoun pins, weave friendship bracelets or craft their own zines. Tickets include crafting supplies, one drink (alcoholic or booze free) and happy hour specials the rest of the night. *Saturday from 5 to 8 p.m. merrypindc.com. $18.*

Momenta at Kiki

A new day party launches at Kiki just in time for Pride. The afternoon features DJs Keenan Orr and Miscalculated, go-go dancers and drag performances, all with no cover charge. *Saturday from 5 to 10 p.m. dcwannahaveakiki.com. Free.*

'Heated Rivalry' dance party at As You Are

As You Are's first Pride-themed dance party is another of the bar's popular "Heated Rivalry" nights, with DJs playing artists and songs associated with the popular LGBTQ hockey romance, including Feist, Wet Leg and, inevitably, "All the Things She Said." As a bonus, there's an Ilya Rozanov look-alike contest. *Saturday from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. asyouaredc.com. Free.*

Gays & Graves: A Big Gay Festival at Congressional Cemetery

Randy Wicker, an LGBTQ+ activist credited with organizing the first demonstration for gay civil rights in New York City in 1964, is the special guest at Congressional Cemetery's Gays and Graves festival, where Wicker will speak at a ceremony unveiling new signage in the cemetery's landmark "Gay Corner." The day also includes a marketplace with LGBTQ makers, panel discussions about LGBTQ history, a drag story hour and hands-on crafting. *Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. congressionalcemetery.org. Free.*

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The gravesite of Leonard P. Matlovich at Congressional Cemetery. Matlovich was the first gay service member to fight the ban on gays in the military. The cemetery holds its Gays & Graves fete on Sunday.

Pride Kickoff Showtunes at JR's

Pride Week is busy on the 17th Street strip — JR's is participating in the 17th Street block party with entertainment, a DJ and a giant beer garden on June 20. But before all that gets underway, there's a special edition of the bar's long-running Showtunes Monday with pop-up performances in addition to the usual lineup of Broadway and musical numbers, plus $4 draft beers and Truly hard seltzer. It's worth noting that unlike at some other bars, JR's has no cover for events during Pride week. *Monday at 9 p.m. instagram.com/jrs_bar_dc. Free.*

Pride Week at Shaw's Tavern

There's something happening every night this week at Shaw's Tavern. Highlights include Pride trivia with all-night happy hour (Monday at 7:30 p.m.), a Pride edition of music bingo (Tuesday at 8 p.m.), a "History Repeating" Pride cabaret (Thursday at 9 p.m.) and an extended party June 19 that starts with a Juneteenth drag brunch (12:30 p.m.) and ends with singer Kevin Rose performing a sing-along set of songs made famous by divas (8 p.m.). See the bar's website for full listings and food and drink specials. *Monday through June 21. shawstavern.com. Free.*

District of Pride Showcase at the Lincoln Theatre

This annual night showcasing D.C. talent, put on by the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs, mixes drag performances, comedy, storytelling and performances while honoring community leaders. "Goddess of D.C." Rayceen Pendarvis is the host. *Wednesday at 7 p.m. tinyurl.com/DOPShowcase2026. Free.*

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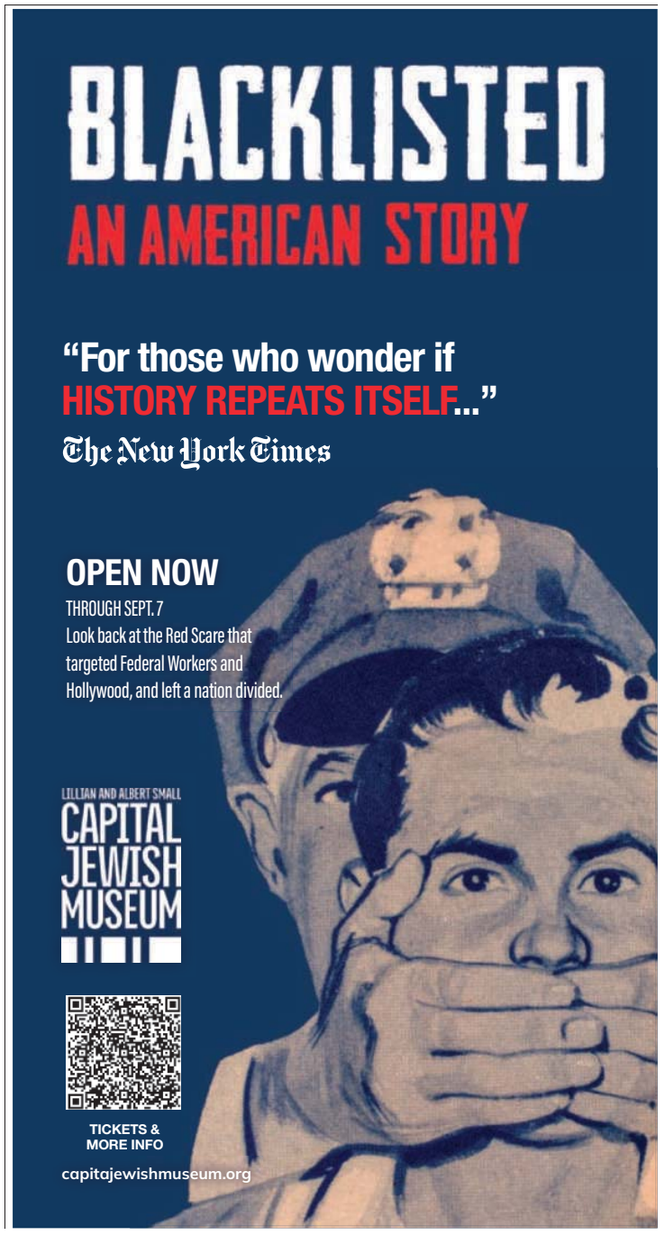

Ask Elazar

Excerpts from Post food critic Elazar Sontag's online discussion

Q: Any recommendations for a diner in a wheelchair (party of four)? A place where the wheelchair chair fits comfortably? (Meaning there needs to be space for other patrons/staff to pass without bumping the chair. And the other three in the party need to fit without gymnastics to pass my wheelchair foot rests.)
A: My first thought was **Caruso's Grocery**, where the tables aren't squeezed too close together, but there's still a cozy, bustling feel. As noted in a 2021 review, the one hitch here might be needing assistance with the double front doors. **Chai Pani** feels less intimate, but gets points for its enormous dining room, where there should be comfortable space for the four of you. For something a little fancier, **Moon Rabbit** has nicely spaced tables.

Q: I'm coming in from out of town for a show at the Anthem in the fall. What are some preshow restaurants you might recommend?
A: I had a pleasant dinner at **Del Mar** a few weeks back. The other meals I've had in the area thus far — **Fish Shop**, **Capitano** — have been mixed.

Q: I have a question and a small public plea. My wife and I were recently in New York celebrating our anniversary at a three-Michelin-star restaurant. About halfway through the meal, a party was seated at the table next to us and one of the guests was wearing an extremely strong perfume. The scent was so overpowering that it gave us a headache. Under normal circumstances, I might have asked the staff to move us, but the restaurant was full, so there was no point in asking. The strong fragrance significantly diminished what should have been a memorable dining experience. What would you have done in that situation? And now for the public plea: When dining out, please consider going light on perfume or cologne. You may be accustomed to the scent and no longer notice it but those around you certainly can. A little consideration can go a long way toward preserving everyone's experience.
A: I'm sorry your anniversary went this way, though happy anniversary, nevertheless! Your instinct to ask for a different table, had there been another table, seems right to me. But in your situation, where that wasn't an option, I'm sorry to say I don't have a great solution. I probably would have gotten a strong cocktail and spent the night with my nose in the glass. I believe this happens in part because people become so accustomed to their own . . . aroma . . . that they can't really smell it anymore. Unfortunately, the rest of us can. As a perfume/cologne-lover myself, two to three spritzes are enough!

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Caruso's Grocery has enough space between tables to keep a wheelchair user from feeling cramped.

Q: I enjoyed your chicken reviews (I really want to get to **Little Engine**) and thought I would pass along to you some biscuit recommendations: **District Biscuit** in Alexandria (close to Arlington, great burger and biscuit sandwiches and also waffles, adorably goofy Instagram account); **Preservation Biscuit** in Falls Church; **Junction Bakery** in Alexandria (also has D.C. and Maryland locations but I haven't been to those, excellent cheddar-chive biscuit); **Matt & Tony's** in Alexandria (top-notch biscuits & gravy on a cheddar biscuit).
A: Thank you for your service! And I mean it!

Q: Do you think you might review some food halls in the area? I did a search and it looks like it's been a while since any were reviewed, and some new ones have been opening.
A: Maybe! It would likely be a less traditional review than a rundown of the options and how they stack up. At the moment, I've got my eye on **Melangé**, a sorta-kinda food hall where chef Elias Taddesse has gathered a few of his Ethiopian American restaurant concepts under one roof.

Q: I'm going to **Tapori** soon as my last hurrah before the baby within me comes out and shakes everything up. As a vegetarian, what are some can't-miss dishes there? Don't worry — I'll come armed with Tums and Pepcid, so spice and heartburn are of no concern.
A: Big congrats!! Here's my order, which I think is about the right amount of food for two very hungry people . . . and the baby within: lotus root chaat, vada pav, uttapam and/or dosa (their batter is quite similar and the flavor is not wildly different, but I often can't resist ordering both), paneer chop, kathal biryani and a side of cheese kulcha!

Q: My family and I are excited to travel to Paris for the first time this summer. My kid is really looking forward to trying a croissant while there; unfortunately, he is allergic to milk and eggs. Do you have any recommendations for bakeries that are either fully vegan or have vegan alternatives so I can make this small dream a reality?
A: I phoned a friend on this one, the excellent Paris-based food writer Lindsey Tramuta. She says no one has fully nailed a vegan croissant yet, *but* she does recommend both **VG Pâtisserie** and **Boneshaker** for donuts. **VG** makes a croissant, and I think it's worth going — even if it's not up to the Parisian standard of a buttery non-vegan croissant, it may be much better than what we have stateside.

Q: I would love to get your take on the North America's 50 Best Restaurants rankings. While I love to see more D.C. dining on the list, I've really found the 50 best rankings generally to be hit or miss, both in America and globally. While places like Albi and Moon Rabbit are great, I've been to far superior restaurants and bars in the United States that aren't ranked at all on these lists. Sometimes, it truly feels like there is a lot of "pay to play" sadly. Were there any significant omissions or surprises for you (if you have had a chance to review that is)?
A: In the spirit of transparency/honesty: The 50 Best lists have never been my north star — though congrats to all restaurants recognized on them. I hesitate to describe them as pay-to-play, but it's true that voters are allowed to accept free meals and travel. This can, of course, skew the kinds of restaurants that are featured. It's a very specific kind of restaurant — and beyond that, a specific kind of well-resourced tourism bureau — that can afford to fly out or comp journalists, influencers and tastemakers. This leads to a heavy emphasis on fine dining, though 50 Best has, to their credit, diversified their honors in recent years. (As an aside, Michelin faces some of the same questions surrounding how they finance their process.) Without going line by line through the restaurants, I'll say I often see many restaurants on the list that I like or love (**Albi**, **Kalaya**, **Le Veau d'Or**, and plenty more), and then many, many glaring omissions. Of course, this is partially just the work of list-making. There's always going to be something I think should be on a list that others haven't been to or simply disagree with. But I also don't think that choosing about 300 voters, some of them not necessarily culinary experts, and asking them to choose a handful of their favorite restaurants is a rigorous enough process to truly capture the best restaurants across price range and cuisine and such a vast geography. But again, no list is perfect! I am, at the very least, grateful to any institutions still committed to covering restaurants at the national and international levels. There are fewer and fewer places still doing this work, and I believe it matters.

Q: I was recently devastated to find that my beloved neighborhood West African restaurant, **Mansa Kunda**, has shuttered in Takoma Park. First: Any intel on whether the restaurant will reopen elsewhere? If not, where can I get my fix? As a vegetarian, the thing I loved the most about Mansa Kunda was how many veg-friendly dishes were on the menu. Now I'm craving aku okra, plasas and peanut butter chu, but have no clue where to find veg versions. Any suggestions would be most welcome!
A: This is the worst feeling as a restaurant regular, but perhaps there's some good news for future you: An update on the restaurant's website suggests they've already found a new space and are planning a reopening. Also, I hadn't heard of this restaurant, so this doubles as a recommendation for me — I'm adding it to my list, to visit whenever it returns. It looks like you can join their mailing list to hear about plans. In the meantime, perhaps delivery from **Dawa**, chef Eric Adjepong's Ghanaian delivery-only spot, can tide you over. There aren't a ton of vegetarian options, but the ones they offer are quite good.

Q: Any recommendations for London, either (reasonably) quick access from the Paddington Station area, or near the Tate Modern? It's a long lead time, so suggestions that include places where I might have to book well in advance are okay, but also some suggestions for less planning required would be appreciated.
A: I'm tapping in my London Correspondent (my partner, who just got back from a trip to London). Here are the recs: **Logma**, **Cafe Deco**, **The Tamil Prince**, **Tollingtons**, **40 Maltby**, **St. John Bread and Wine**. Happy travels!

Elazar Sontag hosts a weekly Q&A on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. at *live.washingtonpost.com*.

Is your goal is to watch the World Cup with a crowd? Read on.

BY FRITZ HAHN

Thirty-two years after the United States hosted the World Cup, soccer's biggest event is back in North America for the next month. And if you're not watching matches in person, whether because of sky-high ticket prices or because the D.C. region wasn't chosen as a host city, there are numerous ways to take in the games and immerse yourself in World Cup culture.

This will be the most user-friendly World Cup since Brazil 2014, at least for U.S. viewers. While you do have to account for time zones, most games kick off at 3 p.m., 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. local time, plus a handful at noon, making it easy to catch matches live, especially on weekends. The U.S. team is playing two of its three first-round games on the West Coast, meaning later-than-usual nights for East Coast viewers, but at least American fans only have to sneak out of work early one time — and that's on a summer Friday.

Washington is at its most international during the World Cup, when embassies organize viewing parties, Argentine and Brazilian steakhouses fill up hours before dinner, and expat groups fill local bars with jersey-wearing fans. We've seen the bewilderment on the faces of tourists wandering into the Elephant and Castle pub near FBI headquarters and being met by a wall of orange-clad Dutch supporters, and we've been drenched in free champagne at the French Embassy after Les Bleus won the title in 2018.

Whether you're looking to cheer for the red, white and blue, follow a particular international team, or just soak in the atmosphere at an outdoor viewing party, here's how to catch World Cup fever.

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Fans cheer for Peru during its match against Denmark during the 2018 World Cup. Besides viewing parties at bars, there will be several outdoor viewing events in the D.C. area.

Outdoor public viewing parties

FIFA Fan Zone on the National Mall

When FIFA didn't select D.C. or Baltimore to host matches back in 2022, local soccer fans consoled themselves knowing that at least the National Mall would host a giant fan zone, right? These public outdoor viewing parties have been a staple of the World Cup since the 2002 tournament in South Korea. Rumors began to trickle out about a fan fest earlier this year, but it wasn't officially confirmed until May 26, just two weeks before play begins. (It's still not listed on FIFA's website among the official fan zones.) The fan zone is taking over the first block of the Mall, between Third and Fourth streets NW. Like the Great American State Fair and other Freedom 250 events on the Mall, details are still thin. Organizers say gates will open an hour before the first match of the day, and there will be "interactive activities, great food, and immersive entertainment" in addition to the games being shown on a large screen. Admission is free. The event website has a form to register for advance tickets, but it also says "walk-ups are welcome." *Through July 19. freedom250.org. Free. Reservations recommended.*

Summer of Soccer at the Wharf

The Wharf is shutting down Pearl Street — the narrow alley that's home to Pearl Street Warehouse, Colada Shop and other businesses — and installing a 14-foot jumbo screen to show matches every day of the tournament. Start times vary, but organizers say they'll show most games between noon and 9 p.m., and all U.S. and Argentina games regardless of when they kick off. The first two U.S. matches include "sip and stroll zone" that allows viewers to carry alcohol within the designated area. Seating is available on restaurant patios and some high tables in the alley. Outside chairs are forbidden. A full schedule is available on the Wharf's website. *Through July 19. wharfdc.com. Free.*

United in Play at Franklin Park and Tingey Plaza

For the first two weekends of the tournament, D.C. United is hosting public viewing parties in two different outdoor spaces. From June 12 to 14, the team will be set up in Franklin Park, watching the U.S. and Paraguay on Friday night, Brazil vs. Morocco on Saturday, and a triple-header of matches on Sunday featuring Germany, the Netherlands and the Ivory Coast. The fun moves to Navy Yard's Tingey Plaza from June 19 to 21, with three games scheduled per day, including the U.S. taking on Australia on June 19. All days include youth soccer activities, music, food trucks and interactive games. Free tickets are required. *June 12-14 and 19-21. dcunited.com. Free.*

Watch the World Play at the Mosaic District

Strawberry Park, the large turf area that the Mosaic District in Merrifield uses for outdoor concerts and movie screenings, is welcoming crowds of fans on selected days during the World Cup. The park is opening predominantly for afternoon matches, with food and drink specials available. Only one U.S. match is scheduled. *Select matches June 13-22, plus some knockout rounds. mosaicdistrict.com/soccer. Free.*

Soccer Screenings at National Harbor

The giant LED screen overlooking the Potomac River at National Harbor is in regular use for weekly movie nights, concerts and other community events, but it's making time for soccer this summer, too. The party gets underway on June 12 with the first games for Canada (3 p.m.) and the U.S. (9 p.m.), and activities including a beer garden and interactive games. Look for early games — usually kickoffs between noon and 3 p.m. — to be shown for the rest of the month. *Through June 26. nationalharbor.com. Free.*

Lamont Plaza Watch Parties

"Soccer is for the people!" says Mount Pleasant Main Street, and the neighborhood organization is organizing viewing parties in the community's plaza at the intersection of Mount Pleasant and Lamont streets NW. Grab dinner from a local restaurant before watching games on a projection screen. The fun begins June 12 with the U.S. and Paraguay; see the full schedule on Instagram: *instagram.com/mountpleasantmainst.*

Where to watch the U-S-A!

Representing one of three host countries, the U.S. national team bears the weight of heavy expectations. Much of the fan base believes the Americans can at least get to the round of 16, the stage at which the team exited at the 2022 World Cup. And for the next few weeks, die-hard and casual fans alike will be following the team at packed pubs, in crowded beer gardens, and even on movie screens.

American Outlaws at Solace Outpost and Franklin Hall

The most recognizable supporters, both in the stands and at local bars, are the American Outlaws. The bandanna-wearing fans brought stadium vibes to the basement of Astro Beer Hall, with nonstop drums and chanting. No wonder there were lines down the block before matches in both 2022 and 2014. This time, the Outlaws will have two bars in D.C.: Solace Outpost taproom in Navy Yard and the spacious Franklin Hall near U Street. Solace promises custom American Outlaws-themed cans as well as $6 pilsner drafts during all games; Franklin Hall promises food and drink specials for all games. Both bars will offer full sound for all games throughout the tournament — if the fans don't drown it out. See *instagram.com/americanoutlawsdc* for updates.

Ireland's Four Courts

Fresh off being named "America's Best Soccer Bar" by soccer enthusiasts Men in Blazers, Arlington landmark Ireland's Four Courts is gearing up for a busy World Cup. Obviously, the 30-year-old pub is showing every match. But managers are expecting to be exceptionally busy during U.S. matches — so much so that they're instituting special rules that sound like St. Patrick's Day. On June 12, for example, they'll close after the Canada game and begin allowing U.S. fans to enter at 5:30 p.m. (Remember, kickoff is at 9.) When the indoor section of the bar hits capacity, they'll begin allowing fans onto the covered back patio until that, too, is full, and at that point, admission will be one-in, one-out, with a limited menu. Note that parties must be complete to be seated together. See all the details at *irelandsfourcourts.com/worldcup/.*

Copa Tysons at Starr Hill Biergarten

The Copa Tysons program brings soccer viewing parties to bars and restaurants around Tysons, but the best atmosphere is at the Starr Hill Biergarten, the centerpiece of the Perch, a 2½-acre rooftop park above the Capital One Hall complex. A terraced lawn faces a cozy amphitheater, which holds a 24-foot screen, where you'll be able to watch all three U.S. group stage games. Grab one of the 20 Starr Hill beers, cocktails or seltzers on draft before finding a seat. Dogs and kids are welcome. The Perch also includes the Perch Putt mini-golf course, food trucks and an area for picnics. Read more and make reservations through *starrhilltysons.com/events.*

Penn Social

What's more American than Jell-O shots and light beer? "Red, White and Loud" is the theme at Penn Social, where drink specials during American group stage games include $2 Jell-O shots and $6 Michelob Ultras. *pennsocialdc.com.*

Soccer at Arlington Drafthouse

The Arlington Drafthouse is showing June 12's match between the U.S. and Paraguay on its full-size movie screen. Doors open at 8 p.m., and while admission is free, reservations are strongly recommended. *arlingtondrafthouse.com/shows/worldsoccer.*

Find a list of where to watch specific countries as well as a list of general soccer bars with this story online at *goingoutguide.com.*

On Exhibit

MUSEUMS

*The following special exhibitions are on view at area museums. For a complete list of all permanent, indefinite and long-term exhibitions, please consult individual museum websites. Museums marked with an * are free. Note: The National Geographic Museum and the Smithsonian's Arts and Industries Building are temporarily closed for renovations.*

***AMERICAN UNIVERSITY MUSEUM AT THE KATZEN ARTS CENTER** The museum's summer exhibitions open Saturday: "A. Brockie Stevenson: An American Vision," "Ghost in the Machine: Works by Timothy Makepeace," "Where Water Keeps Time: Graphite Drawings by Janis Goodman," "Susan Goldman: Prima Vista" "Bonnie Lautenberg: Artistica! Where Hollywood Meets Art History," "Richard Dana: People, Places and Otherwise" and "Gail Rebhan: What Questions Do We Ask?" 4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW. *american.edu/cas/museum*

CAPITAL JEWISH MUSEUM "Blacklisted: An American Story," through Sept. 7. On loan from Jewish Museum Milwaukee, this exhibition explores the Red Scare and the Hollywood blacklist through film, personal narratives, artifacts, costumes and photography. 575 Third St. NW. *capitaljewishmuseum.org*

***DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION MUSEUM** "Revolution in Their Words," through March 27. This exhibition explores the fight for American independence through four sections: words of diplomacy, words of the people, words of resistance and words in print. 1776 D St. NW. *dar.org/collections/museum*

***DUMBARTON OAKS** "Medallions: The Art of Politics and Generosity," through August. A courtyard gallery exhibition that examines how Roman medallions represented the intersection of art, celebration, politics and status. 1703 32nd St. NW. *doaks.org*

***FOLGER SHAKESPEARE LIBRARY** "Shakespeare and the American Story," through Aug. 2. Items from the Folger collection explore how the British playwright became so integral to American culture. "Imagining Shakespeare: Mythmaking and Storytelling in the Regency Era," through Aug. 2. Seen on view together for the first time since London's Boydell Shakespeare Gallery closed in 1805, 14 paintings depict pivotal scenes from William Shakespeare's plays while also speaking to how the playwright was refashioned into a cultural icon. 201 East Capitol St. SE. *folger.edu*

***GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY MUSEUM AND TEXTILE MUSEUM** "Adorning the Horse: Equestrian Textiles for Power and Prestige," through June 20. A display of 60 textiles encapsulates centuries of global history through the lens of equine culture. "Generations D.C.," through Nov. 7. A generation-spanning installation telling the stories of laborers, activists and artists in the nation's capital. "Revolutionary Echoes in Washington," through Nov. 7. A collection of letters, maps and illustrations studies how the ideas behind the Declaration of Independence resonated in D.C. 701 21st St. NW. *museum.gwu.edu*

HILLWOOD ESTATE, MUSEUM AND GARDEN "On Time: Giving Form to the Fleeting," through Sunday. This chronologically organized exhibition highlights the most extravagant watches and clocks from the Hillwood collection. "Interwoven: A Tradition of Textiles," Saturday through Jan. 3. A meditation on textiles that considers their function as decorative objects, expressions of identity and more. 4155 Linnean Ave. NW. *hillwoodmuseum.org*

***HIRSHHORN MUSEUM AND SCULPTURE GARDEN** "Basquiat × Banksy," through Sept. 7. The exhibition highlighting two paintings, one by Jean-Michel Basquiat and one by Banksy, marks the first time either artist's work has been presented at the museum. "Revolutions: Art From the Hirshhorn Collection, 1860-1960," through Nov. 1. This collection presents 208 artworks made during a period defined by evolutions in science, philosophy and mechanization. "Adam Pendleton: Love, Queen," through Jan. 3. A collection of the American conceptual artist's work features his paintings and a new video installation. "Big Things for Big Rooms," through July 4, 2027. This two-part exhibition explores the development of immersive, large-scale artworks since the late 1960s. Seventh Street and Independence Avenue SW. *hirshhorn.si.edu*

VIKESH KAPOOR

A print from the series "See You at Home" by Vikesh Kapoor is part of "The Outwin 2025: American Portraiture Today," an exhibition at the National Portrait Gallery.

INTERNATIONAL SPY MUSEUM "Camouflage: Designed to Deceive," ongoing. An immersive look at camouflage and its myriad uses in espionage. 700 L'Enfant Plaza SW. *spymuseum.org*

KREEGER MUSEUM "Echo/Location: Exploring the Extra-Sensory," through July 11. D.C. artist Imar Lyman uses mixed media collage, painting, sculpture and printmaking to converse with the works of Sam Gilliam and Frank Stella. 2401 Foxhall Rd. NW. *kreegermuseum.org*

***LIBRARY OF CONGRESS** "The Two Georges: Parallel Lives in an Age of Revolution," through July 4. Papers from the Library of Congress and the Royal Archives explore the lives of George Washington and King George III in their own words. Thomas Jefferson Building, 10 First St. SE. *loc.gov*

***MARIA & ALBERTO DE LA CRUZ GALLERY** "You Were Meant to See This," through July 31. A look at divination and fortune telling through the prism of TikTok livestreams. Georgetown University, 3535 Prospect St. NW. *delacruzgallery.org*

MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE "Dead Sea Scrolls," through Sept. 7. An exhibition featuring biblical texts and scrolls from the community at Qumran in the West Bank, plus artifacts that exemplify life and Judaism during the Second Temple period. 400 Fourth St. SW. *museumofthebible.org*

***NATIONAL ARCHIVES MUSEUM** "The American Story," ongoing. A redesign of the museum's permanent exhibits highlights an 1823 stone engraving of the Declaration of Independence, George Washington's annotated copy of the Constitution and more. 701 Constitution Ave. NW. *museum.archives.gov*

NATIONAL BUILDING MUSEUM "Brick City," through August. U.K.-based artist Warren Elsmore uses Lego pieces to re-create destinations from all seven continents, including New Orleans during Mardi Gras and medieval Japanese castles. "The Tuskegee Chapel: Paul Rudolph X Fry & Welch," ongoing. Sketches, models, brick replicas and a robotically built sculpture highlight the material and design innovation of a Tuskegee University landmark. "A Better Life for Their Children: Julius Rosenwald, Booker T. Washington, and the 4978 Schools That Changed America," ongoing. This exhibition features the narratives and photographs of Andrew Feiler, who tells the story of how thousands of schoolhouses were built across the segregated South. 401 F St. NW. *nbm.org*

***NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART** "In the Tower: Chakaia Booker," through Aug. 2. This exhibition features three wall relief sculptures from Booker, who is renowned for turning discarded tires into abstract art. "In the Library: Photobooks and American Energy," through Aug. 21. An examination of how photobooks have been used to scrutinize the U.S. energy industry and its impact. "Beneath the Surface," through Aug. 23. Roughly 150 works show how photographers have depicted mining, drilling and fracking over the past 185 years. "Mary Cassatt: An American in Paris," through Aug. 30. Forty paintings, drawings and prints marking the centennial of the painter's death. "Niagara Falls: Mist and Majesty," through Sept. 20. Frederic Edwin Church's 1857 panorama anchors a presentation of some 20 works focused on Niagara Falls. "Dear America: Artists Explore the American Experience," through Sept. 20. Featuring 100-plus works on paper, this installation highlights how artists have depicted the people, landscapes and ideas that define life in the United States. "American Icon: The US Flag in Art," through Dec. 6. More than 30 works, including paintings, prints, photographs and video, convey varying interpretations of the American flag. "Sky Hopinka: Kicking the Clouds," through Dec. 6. A multimedia exhibition shows how Hopinka uses language to deconstruct the contemporary Indigenous experience. Sixth Street and Constitution Avenue NW. *nga.gov.*

***NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE** "At the Vanguard: Making and Saving History at HBCUs," through July 19. More than 100 objects from five historically Black colleges and universities encapsulate those institutions' academics, arts and campus activities. 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW. *nmaahc.si.edu*

***NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN ART** "Here: Pride and Belonging in African Art," through Aug. 23. Featuring nearly 60 artworks, this exhibition highlights the contributions of LGBTQ+ artists from Africa and its diaspora. "Benin Bronzes: Ambassadors of the Oba," ongoing. Nine bronze artifacts taken by the British during the Benin Punitive Expedition of 1897 are on display as part of a long-term loan from the National Commission for Museum and Monuments in Nigeria. "Sanctuary: Mekdes," ongoing. Through seven sculptures, Ethiopian American artist Tsedaye Makonnen confronts the dehumanization of Black women, femme people and their communities. "Visionary: Viewpoints on Africa's Arts," ongoing. An installation organized around seven viewpoints designed to shape the manner in which African art is experienced. "Currents: Water in African Art," ongoing. Artworks from the museum's permanent collection underscore water's role as a potent cultural force. 950 Independence Ave. SW. *africa.si.edu*

***NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN HISTORY** "In Pursuit of Life, Liberty, and Happiness," through December. This semiquincentennial celebration features 250 objects — including the desk used by Thomas Jefferson to draft the Declaration of Independence — spread over 250,000 square feet. Constitution Avenue NW, between 12th and 14th streets. *americanhistory.si.edu*

***NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN** "Water's Edge: The Art of Truman Lowe," through Jan. 1. This retrospective of the Ho-Chunk artist features minimalist sculptures made of willow branches, feathers and other organic materials. "Stretching the Canvas: Ten Decades of Native Painting," through spring 2027. Featuring more than 50 works, this exhibition examines the expansion of American Indian art after World War I. "InSight: Photos and Stories From the Archives," ongoing. These photos, selected from more than half a million stewarded by the museum, offer intimate insight into Indigenous lives. Fourth Street and Independence Avenue SW. *americanindian.si.edu*

***NATIONAL MUSEUM OF ASIAN ART** "Of the Hills: Pahari Paintings From India's Himalayan Kingdoms," through July 26. This exhibition highlights paintings made for Hindu kings in India's Pahari region between the 1620s and 1830s. "Vishnu's Cosmic Ocean," through Sept. 7. On loan from the National Museum of Cambodia, this six-meter sculpture of the Hindu god Vishnu is said to be the largest bronze ever cast in Southeast Asia. "Into the Waters With Senju and Bingyi: Two Contemporary Paintings," through Sept. 27. A display featuring distinct visualizations of water from Japanese painter Hiroshi Senju and Chinese artist Bingyi. 1050 Independence Ave. SW. *asia.si.edu*

***NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY** "Imagining Bison," through summer 2027. Historic books, paintings, photographs and objects convey portrayals of bison through the ages. "Bison: Standing Strong," ongoing. This ode to the United States' national mammal includes the six-foot skull of an ancient bison ancestor, an immersive soundscape, multimedia elements and Native objects. 10th Street and Constitution Avenue NW. *naturalhistory.si.edu*

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WOMEN IN THE ARTS "Shirley Gorelick: Figuring It Out," through June 28. Three large-scale paintings by Gorelick are displayed together for the first time. "Making Their Mark: Works From the Shah Garg Collection," through July 26. Featuring around 80 artworks from the past eight decades, the exhibition underscores connections between intergenerational and international artists with a knack for bucking conventions. "Burnished: Pueblo Pottery at NMWA," through Sept. 27. A display of 24 clay vessels from the museum's Pueblo pottery collection. "Remix: The Collection," through Oct. 25. Familiar collection favorites are displayed alongside recent acquisitions. 1250 New York Ave. NW. *nmwa.org*

***NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY** "From Shadow to Substance: Grand-Scale Portraits During Photography's Formative Years," through Sunday. An exhibition tracking the growth of the grand-scale, whole-plate photography format. "The Outwin 2025: American Portraiture Today," through Aug. 30. This selection highlights 30-plus portraits from more than 3,300 entries to the triennial Outwin Boochever Portrait Competition. "American Winners: Athletes and Entertainers Who Shaped the Nation," through Sept. 7. More than 50 works from the gallery's collection highlight Americans at the pinnacle of athletic performance and creative expression. Eighth and F streets NW. *npg.si.edu*

PHILLIPS COLLECTION "Miró and the United States," through July 5. This exhibition, which features 75 works from 30-plus artists, explores how Catalan painter and sculptor Joan Miró formed a creative dialogue with his American counterparts. 1600 21st St. NW. *phillipscollection.org*

***RENWICK GALLERY** "State Fairs: Growing American Craft," through Sept. 7. More than 240 artworks, dating from the mid-19th century to the present, tell the personal stories of craft found on U.S. fairgrounds. Pennsylvania Avenue and 17th Street NW. *americanart.si.edu*

***RUBELL MUSEUM** "Basil Kincaid: Spirit in the Gift," through fall. A presentation of four large-scale quilted artworks created during Kincaid's 2023 residency at the Rubell Museum in Miami. "Material Witness," through fall. Spanning 23 galleries across the museum's three floors, this exhibition highlights how 30 contemporary artists use nontraditional materials and processes. 65 I St. SW. *rubellmuseum.org/dc*

***SMITHSONIAN AMERICAN ART MUSEUM** "Grandma Moses: A Good Day's Work," through July 12. Many of Anna Mary Robertson Moses's most celebrated works are featured in this exhibition highlighting the 20th-century folk artist, who didn't begin painting in earnest until her late 70s. "Shahzia Sikander: The Last Post," through July 12. A 10-minute video artwork examines the East India Company's imperialist presence in South Asia and China from the 1600s to the 1800s. "Artist to Artist," through Aug. 2. This rotating exhibition highlights eight artist pairings, each of which features two figures whose trajectories intersected at a key moment. "Isaac Julien: Lessons of the Hour — Frederick Douglass," through Aug. 9. A joint purchase by the Portrait Gallery and the Smithsonian American Art Museum, this five-screen video installation uses period reenactments to create a portrait of the activist, writer, orator and philosopher Frederick Douglass. G and Eighth streets NW. *americanart.si.edu*

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Some TLC for an R&B saga

Biomusical 'CrazySexyCool' delves into '90s trio's complicated connection and camaraderie

BY THOMAS FLOYD

"CrazySexyCool" seems like a no-brainer title for the new biomusical about the '90s R&B girl group TLC. The release of that 1994 diamond-certified album is a pivotal moment in the production, now at Arena Stage. The show's sound is defined by that record's barrage of bangers — "Creep," "Waterfalls" and more. What is the trio's tale if not crazy, sexy and cool?

Yet Kwame Kwei-Armah, the musical's writer and director, refers to the musical by another moniker in his mind: "What About Your Friends." That 1992 TLC track opens the show, after all. And its questions of camaraderie — "What about your friends? Will they stand their ground? Will they let you down again?" — pulsate throughout the high-octane spectacle.

"That's the theme," Kwei-Armah says. "That's what rides all the way through the piece: friendship, sisterhood, love."

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From left, Jade Milan, Stoney B. Woods and Holli' Gabrielle Conway rehearse for "CrazySexyCool," a biomusical about the girl group TLC. "We want to humanize this group, because icons are not naturally humanized — they're just this idea or a moment in time for the mass public," Milan says.

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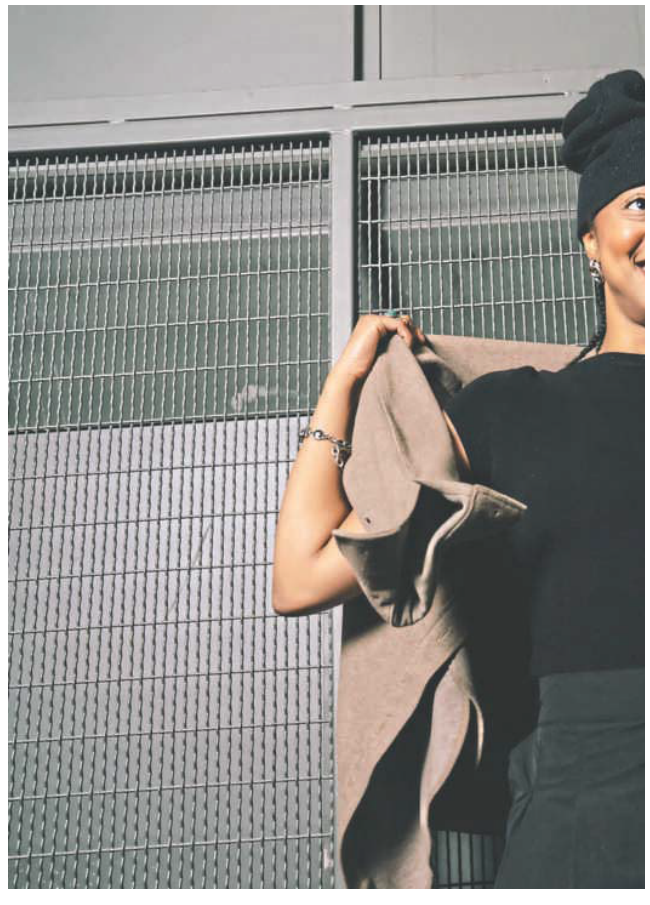

Jade Milan, who plays Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes, studied the 200 for the role. "Left Eye is headlines," Milan says. "But ... I was

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That's not to say that "CrazySexyCool" shies away from TLC's chart-topping hits, kinetic choreography and tabloid-worthy scandals. But it was the complicated connection among Tionne "T-Boz" Watkins, Rozonda "Chilli" Thomas and Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes that Kwei-Armah found most compelling.

Each woman is wrestling with demons in the fact-based musical, which starts performances Friday in Washington. Watkins struggled with sickle cell anemia from a young age. Thomas confronted the juxtaposition of faith and pop stardom. Lopes dealt with alcoholism and a tumultuous personal life, then died in a car crash at age 30. TLC's efforts to destigmatize sexual health and raise HIV awareness also loom large in the show, which delves into both the group's combustible clashes and its enduring influence.

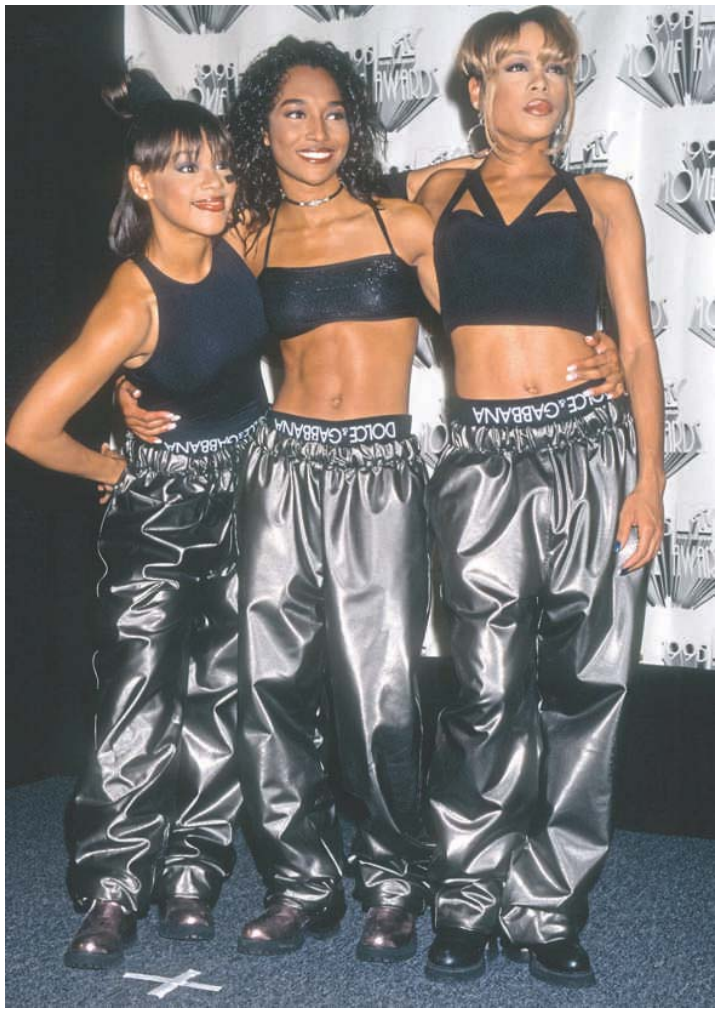
"We want to humanize this group, because icons are not naturally humanized — they're just this idea or a moment in time for the mass public," says Jade Milan, who plays Lopes. "We're going after the heart of the thing."

When longtime TLC manager Bill Diggins and producer Stephen Gabriel approached Kwei-Armah with the idea for a TLC jukebox musical several years back, the British theater-maker — then the artistic director of London's esteemed Young Vic — agreed to co-produce but resisted an offer to write the show. Eventually, though, Kwei-Armah found himself absorbed in the tragedy of Lopes's death and agreed to spin the TLC saga for the stage.

"I went, 'Oh, this is a survivor story,'" he says. "When someone in your band dies at such an early age, what do you do with the rest of your life? How do you navigate being introduced to the world as a threesome and then going down to two?"

Kwei-Armah started by devouring TLC's albums for several weeks. At one point, he printed the lyrics, spread them around his study and scoured the catalogue in search of dramatic oomph. "Before I do [the] story," Kwei-Armah says, "I have to stare down the lyrics of a song and then go, 'Where's the drama in that song? Where can that sit technically within a musical?'"

Eventually, the self-described TLC superfan pieced together a plot and assembled a song list. After opening with a flash-forward to Watkins and Thomas learning of Lopes's 2002 death, "CrazySexyCool" rewinds to the grueling auditions that brought Thomas in as a



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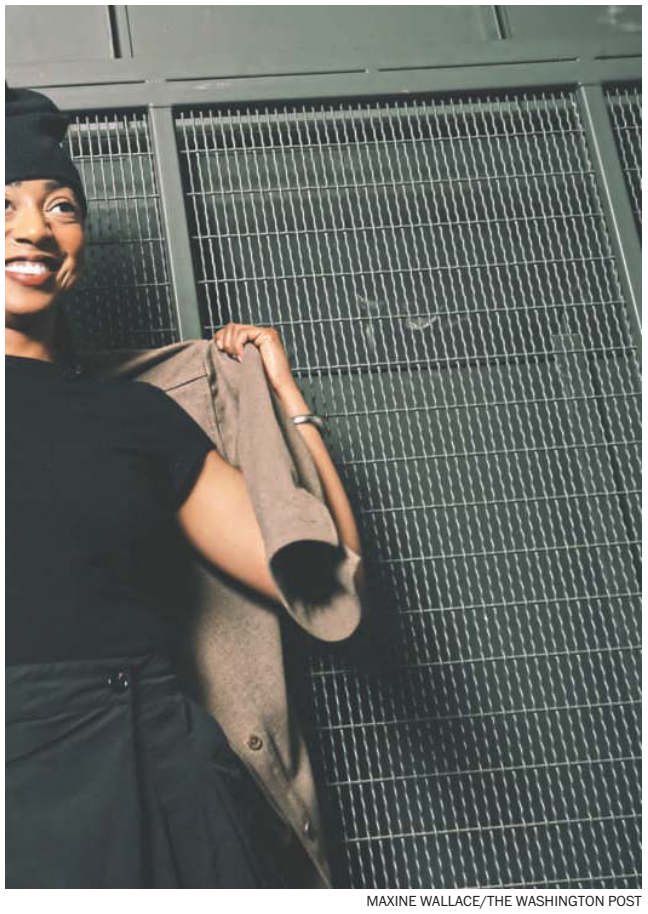
From left, Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes, Rozonda "Chilli" Thomas and Tionne "T-Boz" Watkins at the 1995 MTV Movie Awards. Surviving TLC members Thomas and Watkins provided feedback for the musical.



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Cast members rehearse at Arena Stage. TLC was known for its kinetic dance moves. The new musical was choreographed by Chloe O. Davis.

replacement for founding TLC member Crystal Jones.

Finding this production's stars was a similarly exhaustive process that included several auditions for each actor and taxing dance sessions with choreographer Chloe O. Davis.

When Holli' Gabrielle Conway got wind of a TLC musical, she called her agent with uncanny confidence. "Give me an audition for this show, and I'm telling you: I will book it," she recalls saying. "T-Boz is my role."

The daughter of Hollis Conway, a two-time Olympic medalist high jumper, Conway wore her father's training pants to the audition for good luck. Not that she needed it: Although Conway has since established herself as more of a belter on Broadway, in "Six" and "Tina," her deeper natural register was tailor-made for T-Boz's range.

"I really used to sing very, very low, and I thought it was a hindrance," Conway says. "There were only a couple of artists who sang songs that I really felt comfortable singing, and T-Boz was one of them."

Stoney B. Woods, a veteran of "The Book of Mormon" on Broadway, was taking a break from the business after getting married last year when the audition notice for Chilli came her way. Woods, a Bronx native whose mother and brothers all rap, couldn't resist the allure of a musical rooted in hip-hop. As a bullied teen who found solace in "Unpretty," TLC's self-love anthem, Woods long revered the trailblazing trio.

"'Unpretty' was the first time I was thinking about how I viewed myself," Woods says, "and how I need to view myself better and to acknowledge and value the things about myself."

Milan also connected with TLC through her mother, a die-hard who played "No Scrubs" and the like on repeat. After portraying an Alicia Keys analog in the Broadway musical "Hell's Kitchen," Milan learned to emphasize essence over imitation when evoking a real person. This time around, she studied the 2007 documentary "The Last Days of Left Eye" in an attempt to tap into the humanity of a woman largely remembered for burning down her boyfriend's house and spending time in rehab.

"Left Eye is headlines," Milan says. "She's easy to find, but that's not what I was looking for. I was looking for her. I was looking for Lisa."

Pinpointing the right leads, however, wouldn't count for much if

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The leads of "CrazySexyCool" (from left, Conway, Milan and Woods) displayed a strong rapport during their interview with The Post.

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their chemistry didn't crackle. But sit down with the actors and their bantering rapport promptly becomes apparent. ("You've got to pull us in," Conway warns at one point, after several quips and cackles take the interview amusingly off topic.) When the cast ran through Act 1 during a rehearsal last month, Conway, Milan and Woods marked intermission by gleefully enveloping one another in a tight embrace.

"What Kwame has done is told this beautiful story of sisterhood," Woods says. "Now, we get to step in the room and actually bring an authentic sisterhood that we've gotten to build together."

It helps that Kwei-Armah and the cast can lean on the group's surviving members. "[The production] can just get Tionne and Chilli on the phone if we have any questions," Conway says. "So that's been really nice." When Kwei-Armah met with Thomas in Miami and recited the script, she promptly wept and hugged him — then offered pertinent feedback.

"She said, 'So here's the thing that didn't happen. Here's the thing that didn't happen. Here's the thing that did happen that you haven't included,'" Kwei-Armah says. "That's been the process with both of the women."

Although TLC's hits give the show most of its soundtrack, some of their contemporaries appear as characters. One example: MC Hammer, who pops up to rattle off a rendition of "U Can't Touch This" as a speedy change of pace from TLC's midtempo earworms.

It's another crowd-pleasing flourish for a production that hasn't been shy about its Broadway aspirations. Yet Kwei-Armah hasn't had time to look that far ahead. After that Act 1 rehearsal last month went off without a hitch, he warned his cast that the second would include a slew of changes he had made during a late-night writing session the prior evening.

"Of course, everybody wants their show to go to Broadway and the West End," he says. "We want all of those things, but I never go into a gig going that's its destination. We're at that wonderful point in the process where anything and everything is possible. Soon it will be in front of an audience, and an audience will tell us what's next."

CrazySexyCool — The TLC Musical
Friday through Aug. 9 at Arena Stage, Washington. *arenastage.org*.

Kwame Kwei-Armah, the writer and director of "CrazySexyCool," says the show is about survival and sisterhood. The production hasn't been shy about its Broadway aspirations.

KENT KONDO

Laying bare a Founding Father's sins

'Sally & Tom' is a multilayered take on Jefferson

BY THOMAS FLOYD

'Sally & Tom," a metatheatrical take on Thomas Jefferson's predatory relationship with Sally Hemings, makes for a keen counterpoint to "1776."

Both shows have graced D.C.-area stages as the Declaration of Independence's 250th anniversary nears. "1776," mounted in a rousing revival that recently closed at Ford's Theatre, depicts that document's author as a principled man of reluctant heroism. As for "Sally & Tom"? The Jefferson envisioned by Suzan-Lori Parks, in a 2022 play making its regional premiere at Round House Theatre, is a cavalcade of contradictions. Revered and reviled. Caring and callous. Dignified and discomforting.

The conceit of "Sally & Tom" — in which a scrappy theater troupe cobbles together its own production about Jefferson and Hemings, the enslaved woman with whom he is widely accepted to have fathered six children — allows actor Josiah Bania to convey shades of spinelessness. As Mike, the narcissistic director overseeing the play within a play, Bania exudes man-child cowardice. But it's his Jefferson who truly chills, particularly during a fourth-wall-breaking monologue that lays bare the Founding Father's sins. Jefferson, historical records show, was in his mid-40s when he started a relationship with an adolescent Hemings. He never freed her, even on his deathbed. This Jefferson rattles off such atrocities not with shame but a shrug.

The opportunity to witness such disparate portrayals of the same complicated icon under-

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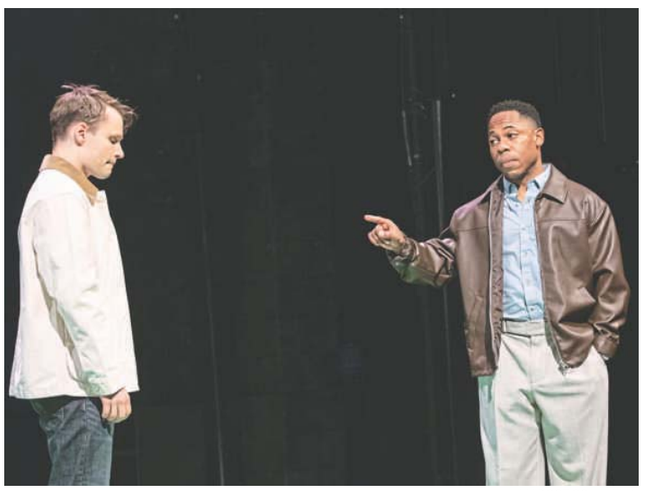

MARGOT SCHULMAN

Above, Renea S. Brown and Josiah Bania in the metatheatrical "Sally & Tom" at Round House Theatre. The play within a play centers on a theater troupe's production about Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemings, the enslaved woman with whom he is widely accepted to have fathered six children. At left, Bania with co-star Ro Boddie, as an actor cast in the role of Sally's brother.

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scores Parks's interest in how our history is documented and dramatized. Although "Sally & Tom" occasionally loses sight of this notion, over an unwieldy, nearly three-hour run time, Hemings's climactic monologue about reclaiming her narrative is worth the wait. In the hands of Renea S. Brown, the stellar performer who portrays both Hemings and the playwright, Luce, the tearful rumination marks yet another sit-up-and-lean-in soliloquy.

One more comes courtesy of Ro Boddie, as both Sally's brother James and the budding screen actor who portrays him. Boddie has the unenviable task of delivering an indignant speech that proves so spectacular that Luce struggles to cut it from the play — incongruent as the scene may be. Sure enough, Boddie's applause-prompting tirade meets the moment.

That subplot, however, is emblematic of a meandering narrative that labors to connect the backstage clashes and compromises to the historical underpinnings. (Kimberly Gilbert, Jamar Jones, Charlotte Kim, Nicole Ruthmarie and Colin Sphar play the rest of the actors in the troupe.) The fractured romance between Mike and Luce, the actors playing Jefferson and Hemings, also makes for a strained parallel.

Yet director Timothy Douglas draws out such exemplary performances that it's a worthy exercise all the same. So before this summer's festivities on the National Mall, head to Round House and watch these thespians ignite fireworks of their own.

Sally & Tom *Through June 28 at Round House Theatre, 4545 East-West Hwy., Bethesda. About 2 hours 50 minutes. roundhousetheatre.org.*

CHRIS BANKS

From left, Jonathan Del Palmer, Zoe Walpole and Kim Schraf in "Precarious," an intergenerational family drama that touches on millennial malaise, senior citizen loneliness and environmental anxiety.

Here's a roundup of three more productions on D.C.-area stages:

Feeling Afraid as if Something Terrible Is Going to Happen

Steven Webb's performance in "Feeling Afraid as if Something Terrible Is Going to Happen," as a gay comic with a penchant for self-sabotage, isn't just a feat of audience-enchanting magnetism — though the English actor has that in spades. It's a flailing, full-bodied transformation into a man of snowballing neurosis. And it's one of the best outings you'll see on a D.C. stage this year.

First staged at the 2022 Edinburgh Festival Fringe, "Feeling Afraid" shares its roots (and a producing team) with "Fleabag" and "Baby Reindeer" — Fringe hits that eventually birthed Emmy-winning TV adaptations. Matthew Xia, the original director, returns to oversee the U.S. premiere of the superb solo show at Studio Theatre. But Webb, a West End veteran who spent seven years in "The Book of Mormon," is a newcomer to the material.

DJ COREY PHOTOGRAPHY

Steven Webb plays a gay comic with a penchant for self-sabotage in "Feeling Afraid as if Something Terrible Is Going to Happen."

CHRISTINA DANIELS

Justin Weaks brings performance-art flair and incisive introspection to "A Fine Madness."

You would never know it: Webb commands Marcelo Dos Santos's quip-packed, anxiety-riddled text, about a 36-year-old comedian with a weakness for casual sex and cocaine. When the British character falls for an American heartthrob who has cataplexy — a condition rendering him unable to laugh — his self-destructive thirst for gratification rears its ugly head.

"Feeling Afraid" doesn't shy from our emcee's morbid existentialism. In one staggering sequence, Webb drops the mic and delivers a soul-baring confession without vocal amplification. But let's not overstate the weight of a sidesplitting show that, refreshingly, delivers more punch lines than gut punches.

Feeling Afraid as if Something Terrible Is Going to Happen *Through July 12 at Studio Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW. About 1 hour 15 minutes. studiotheatre.org.*

Precarious

The aging environmentalist Vi (played by Kim Schraf) has a one-track mind that's going off the rails in "Precarious," playwright Steph Del Rosso's uneven world premiere at Mosaic Theater Company.

When Vi shows up unannounced to crash with her daughter, Tillie (Zoe Walpole), in the New York apartment she shares with her boyfriend, Drew (an endearing Jonathan Del Palmer), it's only a matter of time before her eco-friendly ways prove overbearing. She improvises a compost bin that attracts mice. She balks at replacing a broken air conditioner in the thick of summer. And Tillie's temp job for a Chevron-backing law firm is a sticking point.

This intergenerational family drama has plenty on its mind: millennial malaise, senior citizen loneliness, environmental anxiety. But the muddled ideas don't land with the intended oomph, and you get the sense that Del Rosso never quite knows how to end a scene. (One sequence actually arrives at a perfect kicker, then revs back up before sputtering to its conclusion.)

Although this capable cast finds an appealing rapport under Jaki Bradley's direction, the inevitable blowups still read like out-of-character contrivances. That's the irony: Despite its title, "Precarious" struggles to walk up to the edge.

Precarious *Through June 28 at Mosaic Theater Company, 1333 H St. NE. About 1 hour 35 minutes. mosaictheater.org.*

A Fine Madness

Justin Weaks, the charismatic writer and performer of Woolly Mammoth Theatre's "A Fine Madness," cautions that the solo show isn't a play — even if there will be plenty of playing involved (think hangman and charades). That's fair enough for this communal experience, where the venue changes each week and audience interaction ensures that Weaks can stay on script only so much.

Despite those variables, there are through lines in the Raymond O. Caldwell-directed production. Our shared experience navigating the pandemic is one. Weaks's journey coming to terms with his HIV diagnosis is another. And a cosmic motif runs throughout a show that uses the Voyager Golden Record — a time capsule launched into space — as a tool for fusing the personal and the universal.

When I caught the show at Dupont Underground, Weaks's inviting presence, performance-art flair and incisive introspection ultimately pulled the disparate parts together. As far as voyages into the unknown go, "A Fine Madness" is a worthy vessel.

A Fine Madness *Through Sunday at Hamiltonian Artists, 1353 U St. NW. June 24-28 at the Nicholson Project, 2310 Nicholson St. SE. About 1 hour 30 minutes. woollymammoth.net.*

The Furious ★★★☆

PHOTOS BY NORACHAI KAJCHAPANONT/LIONSGATE

Xie Miao, left, and Joe Taslim in "The Furious," a martial arts movie that follows a husband looking for his wife and a father in search of his kidnapped child.

A joyfully unrelenting flurry of fists

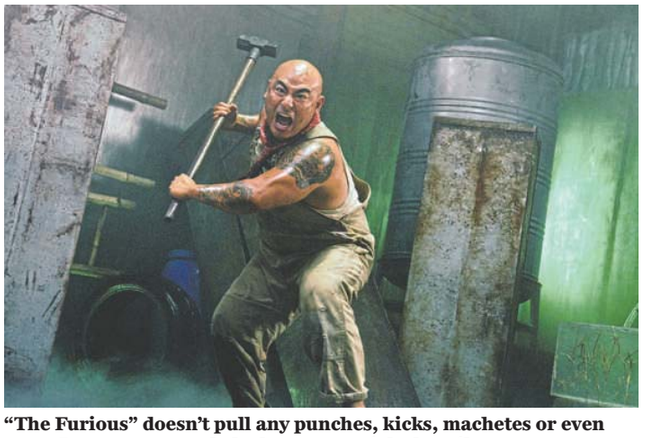
The Hong Kong-style martial arts film delivers hard-hitting action

BY KATIE WALSH
Tribune News Service

The hero of "The Furious" — let's call him "Dad" — is a man of few words. Played by the iconic Chinese action actor Xie Miao, he does most of his talking with his fists and his feet, while also employing a few occasional phrases in sign language and hastily scrawled notes. But there's no mistaking the urgency of his situation: his daughter Rainy (Yang Enyou) has been kidnapped, and he's going to plow through every single person who stands in the way of her rescue. Unfortunately, that's quite a lot. And they all fight.

This story is the scaffolding upon which "The Furious," the latest and greatest Hong Kong-style martial arts movie, is hung. Like the last great action flick of this kind, "The Raid," we don't need much in the way of plot, just a man with a blind drive to do something that seems impossible, and the skills and willingness to make that happen, no matter the opposing forces. What matters here is the violence, a ballet of blood and bodies that happily topples over right into the territory of operatic absurdity. This movie is built to deliver hard-hitting action, and boy does it ever.

"The Furious" is a truly international affair, with Japanese director Kenji Tanigaki teaming up with Japanese fight choreographer Kensuke Sonomura for this revival of the Hong Kong-style actioner. The stars hail from China, Indonesia, Thailand and the United States; the cinematographer is from Hong Kong, the editor American, the locations



"The Furious" doesn't pull any punches, kicks, machetes or even guns. In one scene, a sledgehammer weighs heavily.

Thai. The setting is the generic "somewhere in Southeast Asia," but these details don't always matter when the fists fly so furiously.

The story follows a female investigative journalist (JeeJa Yanin), who tracks down missing children in this unnamed city, uncovering a child trafficking ring, ending up on the wrong side of the brutally lethal enforcers and businessmen behind the operation. Her husband (Joe Taslim) tracks her down, ultimately colliding, and teaming up, with our desperate father, Wang Wei (Miao), looking for his own kidnapped daughter.

The cultural specificities are muddled at best, and catered toward an American or English-speaking audience, with characters largely speaking English, even "somewhere in Southeast Asia." So it's a good thing our protagonist is a taciturn fellow, or speaks visually, with his hands and writing. He's mute but not deaf, and his daughter speaks to him in Chinese. But this is not a movie that we come to for authentic representation. This is a movie in which our hero breaks the head off a sledgehammer using another man's head, and then (spoiler alert), that man later gets up.

This is the kind of martial arts movie where the ante is so upped in every single fight sequence, one can't possibly imagine how any of these scenes could end, especially with such a literal murderers' row of global martial arts

SEE 'THE FURIOUS' ON 16

Ratings guide Masterpiece ★★★★ Very good ★★★☆ Okay ★★☆☆ Poor ★☆☆☆

Movies

New movies and shows to stream

BY THOMAS FLOYD

America's Sweethearts: Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders

The popular docuseries returns for a third season, capturing the competition and camaraderie among the NFL's most prestigious cheerleading corps.

Where to watch: Tuesday on Netflix

Never Change!

Students whose senior year was cut short by a disastrous tornado must return to high school in their 30s in this comedy from writer John Reynolds, who also stars alongside the likes of Ana Gasteyer and Topher Grace.

Where to watch: Wednesday on Hulu

I Will Find You

Sam Worthington ("Avatar") portrays a man wrongly convicted of murdering his son who, after learning the boy may be alive, seeks to break out of prison and prove his innocence. Britt Lower ("Severance") also stars in the limited series adaptation of the Harlan Coben novel.

Where to watch: Thursday on Netflix

NETFLIX

From left, Brianne, Faith and Emily A. in Season 3 of the Netflix docuseries "America's Sweethearts: Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders," which captures the competition and camaraderie among the NFL's most prestigious cheerleading corps.

DISNEY

Students now in their 30s whose senior year was derailed by a tornado must return to school in the Hulu comedy "Never Change!"

CHRISTOS KALOHORIDIS/NETFLIX

Sam Worthington and Britt Lower in Netflix's "I Will Find You," a limited-series adaptation of a Harlan Coben novel.

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badasses — who is going to tap out? In addition to Miao (a wushu champion and child action star), we've got Indonesian judo superstar Taslim (of "Mortal Kombat"), Brian Le (of "Everything Everywhere All at Once"), Joey Iwanaga (of "Baby Assassins: 2 Babies"), and Yayan Ruhian, the Indonesian pencak silat master, star of "The Raid," and the guy whose distinctive appearance always elicits a mixture of excitement and dread anytime he shows up onscreen. This time he's in a red track suit, Onitsuka Tigers, and wielding a bow and arrow. How he ultimately uses it is astounding, but so is everything in this film.

Sonomura's fight choreography blends seamlessly with Meteor Cheung's fluid cinematography; long, circular takes capture the action in full, and Sonomura stages sequences that utilize every star's unique fighting style while also finding a rhythm and flow among the different practices. Miao tumbles gracefully over hordes of attackers, with a gymnastic, elastic quality to his movement, while Taslim is more of the efficient, hard-hitting brutalist. Le's character is a big, bald guy who uses his body like a battering ram or a bowling ball, and even the carefully pressed businessman behind the operation (Iwanaga) reveals that he can get his hands (very) bloody as well.

"The Furious" doesn't pull any punches, kicks, machetes or even guns, pushing the envelope in terms of the violence, even involving children — though Rainy gets her whacks in, too. One moment elicited the loudest collective gasp I may have ever heard in a theater. There are also times where you're laughing at how outrageously over the top it gets, but it never loses it's moral center or the relationships that drive the action.

If you love "The Raid," or movies starring Tony Jaa and Don Lee, or if the phrases "'Old Boy' hallway hammer fight'" or "'Akira' slide" mean anything to you, it's basically a legal obligation at this point to see "The Furious," and trust me, it won't let you down.

R. At area theaters. In English, Chinese and sign language, with English subtitles. Contains bloody violence and strong language.113 minutes.

ALSO PLAYING

For showtimes and directories, see the Movie Directory.

★★☆☆ **BACKROOMS**
YouTuber-turned-filmmaker Kane Parsons helms a fitfully unsettling nightmare that never convincingly builds beyond its creepy premise. (R, 105 minutes.)

★★★½ **THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA 2**
Again starring Meryl Streep and Anne Hathaway, the fashion world sequel retains the spirit, style and wit of the original. (PG-13, 120 minutes.)

★★★½ **I LOVE BOOSTERS**
Stepping into the mind of Boots Riley is always a wild and radicalizing ride. (R, 114 minutes.)

★★☆☆ **STAR WARS: THE MANDALORIAN AND GROGU**
This disjointed blockbuster lacks the scale and ambition of the franchise's better installments. (PG-13, 132 minutes.)

★★½☆ **MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE**
The live-action He-Man brings self-reflective humor to his origin story. (PG-13, 132 minutes.)

★½☆☆ **MICHAEL**
The Michael Jackson biopic doesn't even nod to the unpleasant truth — it moonwalks right past it. (PG-13, 127 minutes.)

★½☆☆ **MORTAL KOMBAT II**
With poorly staged fights and dull effects, it's game over for this martial arts flick. (R, 116 minutes.)

★★★☆ **OBSESSION**
Rising filmmaker Curry Barker takes a simple, familiar premise and executes it with dread-filled flair. (R, 108 minutes.)

★★½☆ **POWER BALLAD**
The music-motivated story centered on song rights has a too-soft tone. (R, 98 minutes.)

★★★½ **PRESSURE**
Brendan Fraser and Andrew Scott excel in a D-Day thriller with a special focus on the meteorologists. (PG-13, 100 minutes.)

★★★½ **PROJECT HAIL MARY**
This cosmic crowd-pleaser is refreshing: No pathos, just a galactic good time. (PG-13, 156 minutes.)

★★★☆ **THE SHEEP DETECTIVES**
Starring Hugh Jackman, this charming murder-mystery yarn is as warm as wool. (PG, 109 minutes.)

★★½☆ **THE SUPER MARIO GALAXY MOVIE**
This animated sequel has the gags, even if it still does too much talking. (PG, 99 minutes.)

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Disclosure Day (PG-13)

AGE 13+

Steven Spielberg's return to sci-fi has violent moments.

Director Steven Spielberg's dazzling sci-fi adventure follows a heroic attempt to reveal evidence of life elsewhere in the universe. Violence includes brief, disturbing images of a cruel lab experiment (with painful, shrieking sounds), a panic attack, a bloody hand injury, a knife threat, car crashes, gunfire and a brutal pro wrestling match. There's a brief reference to ketamine misuse and infrequent sex-related dialogue. Other language includes one use of "f---," plus "s---," "goddamn," "oh my God" and "hell." The lead characters (played by Emily Blunt and Josh O'Connor) demonstrate courage, and the movie preaches the importance of curiosity, compassion and empathy. (145 minutes)

Available in theaters.

DISNEY

The Disney+ anime series "Dragon Striker," which follows kids who attend a magical school, relays messages of perseverance and loyalty.

Scary Movie 6 (R)

AGE 16+

Mostly unfunny return for crude, bloody comedy-horror series.

The sixth film in the horror-comedy franchise stars Regina Hall, Anna Faris and Marlon and Shawn Wayans as friends fighting a masked slasher. Violence is played for humor but gets pretty bloody, with stabbings, beheadings, an impaling, head-bashing, fatal gunfire and severed body parts. There's also graphic sex-related humor, dialogue and imagery, partial nudity (including images of genitals) and suggested sex scenes. Constant strong language includes "f---," "motherf---er," "s---," "a--hole," "b----," "damn" and the n-word, plus a middle-finger gesture. Characters drink and use drugs (prescription pills and pot). A character's stash of drug-infused treats is accidentally handed out to trick-or-treating children, and a parent serves alcoholic Jell-O shots to teens. (96 minutes)

Available in theaters.

Cape Fear (TV-MA)

AGE 16+

Extreme gore and language in psychological thriller remake.

This violent psychological drama series was inspired by the 1957 novel "The Executioners," as well as its 1962 and 1991 film adaptations. In this version, Max Cady (Javier Bardem) targets his former lawyer, Anna Bowden (Amy Adams), who persuaded him to plead guilty 17 years earlier for the murder of his wife and child. Expect lots of gore (including dismembering, beheading and stabbing), gun use and graphic injury. There's a death by suicide, self-harm, jump scares, hallucinations and news stories with intense depictions of crime scenes and corpses. There's also constant use of "f---" and its variations, as well as "s---," "hell," "damn," "p---ed," "goddamn," "b----," "a--," "b------," "oh my God" and "Jesus Christ." Adults and teens drink alcohol and smoke marijuana, and one character hides his drug use. People talk about sex and wear revealing clothing. (10 episodes)

Available on Apple TV.

HOPPER STONE/APPLE TV

From left, Amy Adams, Patrick Wilson and Lily Collias in Apple TV's violent psychological adaptation of "Cape Fear."

Dragon Striker (TV-Y7)

AGE 8+

Magical coming-of-age anime series has fantasy violence.

This anime series follows kids who attend a magical school and play an enchanted version of soccer. Expect fantasy violence throughout: The characters use strong, weaponless magic in sports and occasionally hurt each other. Mean characters try to inflict harm physically and verbally, and there's also some bullying behavior between classmates. There's no cursing, but you can expect to hear put-downs such as "loser," "doofus" and "dumb." Our hero Key (voiced in English by Akshay Kumar) shows perseverance in his efforts to achieve his goals. He and his friends support one another and demonstrate loyalty. (11 episodes)

Available on Disney+.

QUANTRELL COLBERT/PARAMOUNT PICTURES

Anna Faris, left, and Regina Hall star in the horror spoof "Scary Movie."

NIKO TAVERNISE/UNIVERSAL PICTURES AND AMBLIN ENTERTAINMENT

Emily Blunt and Josh O'Connor star in Steven Spielberg's "Disclosure Day."

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Michael (PG-13) CC: Fri. 12:50-4:50; Sat. 12:45-6:15
Scary Movie (R) CC: Fri. 12:15-3:05-7:45-10:20; Fri. 11:30-4:45; Sat. 3:00-11:15; Sat. 11:25-2:00-5:00-7:45-10:20
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Backrooms (R) CC: Fri. 1:30-4:15-7:00-9:45; Sat. 4:35; Sat. 9:20; Sat. 11:45-2:30-7:30-11:10
Obsession (R) OC: Sat. 2:15
Stop! That! Train! (R) CC: Fri. 5:30; Sat. 5:40-8:05
Disclosure Day: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) CC: Fri. 12:00-3:30; Sat. 1:00-4:30-8:00-11:30
The Amazing Digital Circus: The Last Act (NR) CC: Fri. 12:20; Sat. 3:35
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (PG-13) CC: Fri. 4:30
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Disclosure Day (PG-13) CC: Fri. 7:30
The Furious (R) CC: Fri. 12:10; Sat. 1:25
Power Ballad (R) CC: Fri. 6:20
Pressure (PG-13) CC: Fri. 2:15-9:00; Sat. 11:00-1:35
The Sheep Detectives (PG) CC: Sat. 11:30AM
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (PG-13) CC: Fri. 11:20-4:50; Sat. 5:40
Obsession (R) CC: Fri. 2:00-7:15-10:00; Sat. 12:15-5:45-8:30
Stop! That! Train! (R) CC: Fri. 8:00
The Amazing Digital Circus: The Last Act (NR) CC: Fri.-Sat. 11:15AM
Ponyo - Studio Ghibli Fest 2026 (G) Sat. 4:00
Disclosure Day: IMAX Live Pre-Show Q&A with Steven Spielberg and Emily Blunt (PG-13) Fri. 8:00
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (PG-13) CC: Sat. 11:00AM
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Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu 3D (PG-13) CC: Fri. 2:20; Sat. 2:25

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630 Rhode Island Avenue NE

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Scary Movie (R) Fri. 11:00-1:45-4:35-7:30-10:25
Disclosure Day (PG-13) Fri. 11:15-2:55-6:00

Angelika Pop-Up at Union Market
550 Penn Street NE - Unit E

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Obsession (R) Fri. 12:00-2:35-5:05-7:35-10:15; Sat. 12:00-2:35-7:35-10:15

Avalon Theatre
5612 Connecticut Avenue

Disclosure Day (PG-13) Fri. 12:45-4:00-7:15; Sat. 4:00-7:15
Tuner (R) Fri. 12:00-2:30-5:05-7:35; Sat. 2:30-5:00-7:35
Disclosure Day (PG-13) OC: Sat. 12:45
Tuner (R) OC: Sat. 12:00

Landmark Atlantic Plumbing Cinema
807 V Street Northwest

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Backrooms (R) Fri.-Sat. 1:40-4:30-7:10-9:30
Obsession (R) Fri. 1:20-4:15-7:20-9:50; Sat. 4:15-7:20-9:50; Sat. 1:20

Regal Gallery Place
701 Seventh Street NW

Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (PG-13) OC: Sat. 10:55
Backrooms (R) OC: Sat. 4:40
The Lost Boys (1987) (R) Sat. 9:00
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Scary Movie (R) Fri.-Sat. 9:10-11:30
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Stop! That! Train! (R) OC: Sat. 1:30
Scary Movie (R) OC: Sat. 3:00

Smithsonian - Lockheed Martin IMAX Theater
601 Independence Avenue SW

Hubble (G) Sat. 3:15
Hubble: The IMAX 3D Experience (G) Fri. 3:15
Aircraft Carrier: Guardian of the Seas 3D Fri.-Sat. 5:00
National Parks Adventure (America Wild): The IMAX Experience Fri.-Sat. 2:15
Space: The New Frontier Sat. 10:30-4:15
Apollo 11: First Steps Edition Fri.-Sat. 11:15AM
Disclosure Day: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 6:15-9:15
Blue Angels: The IMAX Experience (G) Fri.-Sat. 12:15
Space: The New Frontier Fri. 10:30-4:15

MARYLAND

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8633 Colesville Road

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Misery (R) Fri. 9:30
Salo or the 120 Days of Sodom (Salo o le 120 giornate di Sodoma) Sat. 9:45
Black Girl (La noire de...) Sat. 1:30
Korczak Fri. 2:00
Come and See (Idi i smotri) Fri. 6:30
I Love Boosters (R) Fri.-Sat. 4:20-8:45
Ratcatcher Fri. 4:30
Amores perros (R) Sat. 3:30
Mulholland Drive (R) Fri. 4:00; Sat. 9:15
The Man Who Wasn't There (R) Sat. 7:15
Grave of the Fireflies (Hotaru no haka) Fri. 12:00
Pillion (NR) Fri. 9:15
Satantango Sat. 11:00AM
A Useful Ghost Sat. 6:30
The Last One for the Road Fri. 1:50; Sat. 12:00
Jinsei (NR) Fri. 11:40-2:15-6:45; Sat. 11:30-6:45

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6198 Greenbelt Road

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Backrooms (R) OC: Sat. 4:20
Obsession (R) OC: Fri. 4:40
The Amazing Digital Circus: The Last Act (NR) OC: Sat. 12:00

AMC Annapolis Mall 11
1020 Annapolis Mall Road

Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (PG-13) CC: Fri.-Sat. 12:15-3:30-6:50-9:45
Michael (PG-13) CC: Fri.-Sat. 10:25-1:30-4:35-7:45-10:35
Disclosure Day (PG-13) CC: Fri.-Sat. 11:30-3:00-6:30-10:00
Pressure (PG-13) CC: Fri.-Sat. 1:00-3:40
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (PG-13) CC: Fri.-Sat. 10:05-1:20
The Breadwinner (PG) CC: Fri.-Sat. 10:35AM
Backrooms (R) CC: Fri.-Sat. 10:00-1:10-4:00-6:40-10:20
Obsession (R) CC: Fri.-Sat. 11:00-1:50-4:40-7:30-9:30-10:45
Stop! That! Train! (R) CC: Fri.-Sat. 10:15-12:50-3:20-5:50-8:20-10:50
The Amazing Digital Circus: The Last Act (NR) CC: Fri.-Sat. 4:20-7:00
Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) CC: Fri. 12:40-3:50-6:20-10:10; Sat. 10:00-12:40-3:50-6:20-10:10
Scary Movie (R) CC: Fri. 2:40-5:20-8:00-9:40-11:00; Sat. 12:00-2:40-5:20-8:00-9:40-11:00
Disclosure Day (PG-13) CC: Fri.-Sat. 10:30-2:00-5:30-7:20-9:00

Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) OC: Fri. 10:00AM
Scary Movie (R) OC: Fri. 12:00

AMC Center Park 8
4001 Powder Mill Road

Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) CC: Fri. 12:15-3:30-6:45-10:00; Sat. 3:30-6:45-10:00
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (PG-13) CC: Fri.-Sat. 1:00-4:15-7:30-10:30
Michael (PG-13) CC: Fri.-Sat. 12:00-3:15-6:30-10:45
Scary Movie (R) CC: Fri. 11:45-5:15-8:00-9:45-10:45; Sat. 11:45-2:30-5:15-8:00-9:45-10:45
Disclosure Day (PG-13) CC: Fri.-Sat. 1:00-3:45-7:00-10:00
Backrooms (R) CC: Fri.-Sat. 11:30-2:15-5:00-7:45-10:30
Obsession (R) CC: Fri.-Sat. 12:00-2:45-5:30-7:15-8:15-11:00
The Amazing Digital Circus: The Last Act (NR) CC: Fri.-Sat. 1:15-4:30
Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) OC: Sat. 12:15
Scary Movie (R) OC: Fri. 2:30

AMC Columbia 14
10300 Little Patuxent Pkwy

Scary Movie (R) CC: Fri.-Sat. 11:00-1:45-4:30-7:15-10:00
Disclosure Day (PG-13) OC: Sat. 1:00
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (PG-13) CC: Fri. 3:50-7:10-10:20; Sat. 7:10-10:20
Michael (PG-13) CC: Fri. 12:50-4:00-7:10-10:20; Sat. 4:00-7:10
Disclosure Day (PG-13) CC: Fri.-Sat. 11:00-2:30-6:00-9:30
The Furious (R) CC: Fri. 7:20-9:10-10:10; Sat. 9:10-10:20
Power Ballad (R) CC: Fri.-Sat. 1:10-6:40
Pressure (PG-13) CC: Fri. 10:30-3:50; Sat. 10:10-12:50
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (PG-13) CC: Fri. 10:45-4:20; Sat. 10:15AM
Tuner (R) CC: Fri.-Sat. 9:20
The Breadwinner (PG) CC: Sat. 10:30AM
Backrooms (R) CC: Fri. 11:30-1:15-2:15-4:00-5:00-6:45-7:45-9:30-10:30; Sat. 11:30-1:15-4:00-5:00-6:45-7:45-9:30-10:30
Obsession (R) CC: Fri.-Sat. 11:15-2:00-4:45-7:30-10:15
Stop! That! Train! (R) CC: Fri. 11:20-1:50-4:20-6:50-9:20; Sat. 11:20-4:20-6:50-9:20
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu 3D (PG-13) CC: Fri.-Sat. 12:20
Disclosure Day: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) CC: Fri.-Sat. 12:00-3:30-7:00-10:30
The Amazing Digital Circus: The Last Act (NR) CC: Sat. 1:45-6:30; Sat. 1:15-6:30
Ponyo - Studio Ghibli Fest 2026 (G) Sat. 4:00
Bts World Tour 'Arirang' In Busan: Live Viewing Sat. 4:00-7:45
Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) CC: Fri.-Sat. 11:50-3:20-6:50-10:15
Michael (PG-13) OC: Sat. 12:50
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (PG-13) OC: Sat. 3:50
Disclosure Day (PG-13) CC: Fri. 1:00-4:30-8:00; Sat. 4:30-8:00
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (PG-13) OC: Sat. 3:30
Pressure (PG-13) OC: Fri. 1:10
Tuner (R) OC: Fri. 3:40
The Breadwinner (PG) OC: Fri. 10:30AM
Backrooms (R) OC: Sat. 2:15
Stop! That! Train! (R) OC: Sat. 1:50

AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center 12
800 Shoppers Way

Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) CC: Fri.-Sat. 2:00-3:45-7:05-10:25
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (PG-13) CC: Fri. 3:30-5:30-6:50; Sat. 5:30-7:00
Michael (PG-13) CC: Fri. 1:15-7:00; Sat. 1:15-10:15
Scary Movie (R) CC: Fri. 2:40-5:20-7:15-8:00-10:00-10:40; Sat. 12:00-2:40-5:20-7:15-8:00-10:00-10:40
Disclosure Day (PG-13) CC: Fri. 1:00-2:45-6:15-8:45; Sat. 1:00-2:45-6:15-8:45-9:45
I Love Boosters (R) CC: Fri.-Sat. 4:25
The Furious (R) CC: Fri.-Sat. 1:50-4:50-7:45-10:45
Backrooms (R) CC: Fri.-Sat. 1:00-1:45-4:40-7:30-10:20
Obsession (R) CC: Fri.-Sat. 1:30-4:30-7:20-10:15
Stop! That! Train! (R) CC: Fri. 2:50-5:20-8:00-10:30; Sat. 12:10-2:50-5:20-8:00-10:30
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu 3D (PG-13) CC: Fri. 10:10; Sat. 12:45
The Amazing Digital Circus: The Last Act (NR) CC: Fri. 4:25-10:15; Sat. 4:25
Disclosure Day: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) CC: Fri. 3:45-7:15-10:45; Sat. 12:15-3:45-7:15-10:45
Bts World Tour 'Arirang' In Busan: Live Viewing Sat. 4:00-7:45
Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) OC: Sat. 12:15
Scary Movie (R) OC: Fri. 2:30

AMC Montgomery 16
7101 Democracy Boulevard

Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) CC: Fri. 11:10-12:45-2:30-4:00-5:30-7:15-9:30; Sat. 12:30; Sat. 10:45-3:50-5:30-7:10-9:40
Michael (PG-13) CC: Fri. 12:30-3:45-7:00-10:00; Sat. 12:45-3:15-7:20-10:10
Scary Movie (R) CC: Fri. 11:30-2:00-3:30-4:45-7:30-9:00-10:30; Sat. 10:00-11:30-4:50-7:30-9:15-10:30; Sat. 2:00
Disclosure Day (PG-13) OC: Fri.-Sat. 2:00; Fri. 1:00-4:30-7:15-8:00-9:00; Sat. 10:20-1:00-4:30-7:15-8:00-9:00
The Furious (R) OC: Sat. 7:55
Pressure (PG-13) CC: Fri. 3:45-6:15-10:20; Sat. 10:10-4:40-10:30
The Sheep Detectives (PG) CC: Fri. 12:30; Sat. 10:10-12:30
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (PG-13) CC: Fri. 1:30-4:30-7:15; Sat. 10:00-1:40-4:30
Tuner (R) OC: Sat. 10:00AM
The Breadwinner (PG) CC: Fri. 11:45AM; Sat. 11:45AM
Backrooms (R) OC: Fri. 1:00; Fri. 4:30-6:45-9:30; Sat. 10:30-1:00-3:15-6:30-9:30
Obsession (R) CC: Fri. 11:20-1:20-4:10-7:00-9:50; Sat. 10:20-1:15-4:10-7:00-9:00-9:50
Stop! That! Train! (R) OC: Fri. 1:45
Call Me by Your Name (R) Fri.-Sat. 4:00
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (PG-13) CC: Fri. 12:15-3:15-6:30-9:40; Sat. 12:45-3:40-7:00-10:10
Disclosure Day (PG-13) OC: Fri.-Sat. 11:30-3:00-6:30-10:00
The Furious (R) CC: Fri. 11:10-1:10-8:00-10:45; Sat. 10:40-1:15-10:45
Power Ballad (R) CC: Fri. 12:50-4:50-7:40-10:25
Pressure (PG-13) CC: Fri.-Sat. 1:00-3:40
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (PG-13) CC: Fri. 10:05-1:20
The Breadwinner (PG) CC: Fri.-Sat. 10:35AM
Backrooms (R) CC: Fri.-Sat. 10:00-1:10-4:00-6:40-10:20
Obsession (R) CC: Fri.-Sat. 11:00-1:50-4:40-7:30-9:30-10:45
Stop! That! Train! (R) CC: Fri.-Sat. 10:15-12:50-3:20-5:50-8:20-10:50
The Amazing Digital Circus: The Last Act (NR) CC: Fri.-Sat. 4:20-7:00
Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) CC: Fri. 12:40-3:50-6:20-10:10; Sat. 10:00-12:40-3:50-6:20-10:10
Scary Movie (R) CC: Fri. 2:40-5:20-8:00-9:40-11:00; Sat. 12:00-2:40-5:20-8:00-9:40-11:00
Disclosure Day (PG-13) CC: Fri.-Sat. 10:30-2:00-5:30-7:20-9:00

Scary Movie (R) CC: Fri. 10:00-12:15-2:15-5:00-6:15-7:45-9:45-10:45; Sat. 10:30-1:15-2:15-5:00-7:45-9:30-10:45
Disclosure Day (PG-13) CC: Fri. 10:15-1:00-1:45-4:30-5:15-8:00-8:45-10:00; Sat. 10:20-1:50-4:30-5:15-8:00-8:45-10:00; Sat. 1:00
Tuner (R) CC: Fri. 1:00; Sat. 1:15
Backrooms (R) CC: Fri.-Sat. 10:15-12:00-1:10-2:45-5:30-7:10-8:15-10:15-11:00
Obsession (R) CC: Fri. 10:45-1:35-4:30-7:20-11:00; Sat. 10:50-1:40-4:30-7:20-11:00
The Amazing Digital Circus: The Last Act (NR) CC: Fri.-Sat. 10:00-12:35-3:10-5:45-8:20
Estados Unidos vs. Paraguay - Telemundo presenta la Copa Mundial de la FIFA 2026 (NR) Fri. 9:00
Brasil vs. Marruecos - Telemundo presenta la Copa Mundial de la FIFA 2026 (NR) Sat. 6:00
Call Me by Your Name (R) Fri.-Sat. 4:00
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (PG-13) CC: Fri. 10:00-12:15-3:30-6:45-10:00; Sat. 12:15-3:30-6:45-10:00
The Super Mario Galaxy Movie (PG) CC: Fri. 10:15AM; Sat. 10:40AM
Project Hail Mary (PG-13) CC: Fri. 2:30; Sat. 11:30AM
Disclosure Day (PG-13) CC: Fri.-Sat. 11:00-2:30-6:00-9:30
The Furious (R) CC: Fri.-Sat. 1:20-4:15-7:15-10:30
Power Ballad (R) CC: Fri. 11:15-2:00-4:40-7:20-10:00; Sat. 10:15-6:20-9:00
Pressure (PG-13) CC: Fri. 9:10; Sat. 9:40
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (PG-13) CC: Fri. 11:30-6:15; Sat. 3:00
Passenger (R) CC: Fri.-Sat. 10:30AM
The Breadwinner (PG) CC: Fri. 3:50; Sat. 4:20
Jinsei (NR) Fri. 6:30; Sat. 10:10-7:00
Stop! That! Train! (R) CC: Fri.-Sat. 10:00-12:30-3:00-5:30-8:00-10:30
Disclosure Day: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) CC: Fri.-Sat. 12:00-3:30-7:00-10:30
Ponyo - Studio Ghibli Fest 2026 (G) Sat. 4:00
Bts World Tour 'Arirang' In Busan: Live Viewing Sat. 4:00-7:45
Canada vs. Bosnia y Herzegovina - Telemundo presenta la Copa Mundial de la FIFA 2026 (NR) Fri. 3:00

AMC St. Charles Town Ctr 9
11115 Mall Circle

Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) CC: Fri. 12:30-7:00-9:15; Sat. 11:15-12:30-3:45-7:00-9:00
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (PG-13) CC: Fri. 12:15-3:15-9:30; Sat. 3:00-9:30
Michael (PG-13) CC: Fri. 12:00-4:15-7:30-10:45; Sat. 11:45-4:15-7:30-10:45
Scary Movie (R) CC: Fri. 3:30-5:45-6:30-7:30-10:15; Sat. 10:15-1:00-3:30-5:45-6:15-7:15-10:00
Disclosure Day (PG-13) CC: Fri. 12:00-12:45-4:00-6:15-8:30-9:45; Sat. 10:30-12:00-12:45-3:45-6:15-8:30-9:45
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (PG-13) CC: Fri.-Sat. 2:45-10:30
Backrooms (R) CC: Fri. 1:45-4:30-7:15-10:00; Sat. 11:00-1:45-4:30-7:15-10:00
Obsession (R) CC: Fri. 2:00-5:00-7:45-10:30; Sat. 10:00-2:00-5:00-7:45-10:30
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu 3D (PG-13) CC: Fri.-Sat. 6:15
The Amazing Digital Circus: The Last Act (NR) CC: Fri. 12:00-3:30; Sat. 10:00-3:30
Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) CC: Fri. 3:45
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (PG-13) CC: Sat. 12:15
Scary Movie (R) OC: Fri. 1:15

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7000 Arundel Mills Circle

Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (PG-13) Fri. 9:55-10:25-1:35-4:45-7:55-11:10; Sat. 9:45-10:25-1:35-4:45-7:55-11:10
Disclosure Day (PG-13) XD: Fri.-Sat. 9:00-10:15-12:25-3:50-7:15-10:40
Peddi (NR) Fri.-Sat. 4:35-10:05
Obsession (R) XD: Sat. 12:00AM
Short Film Program Fri.-Sat. 10:30
Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 9:20-12:40-4:00-7:20-10:45
Michael (PG-13) Fri. 9:15-12:20-3:30-6:35-9:40; Sat. 9:15-12:20-3:30-6:35-9:45
Scary Movie (R) XD: Fri.-Sat. 1:40-4:15-6:50-9:25
Disclosure Day (PG-13) Fri. 9:25-9:50-10:05-10:30-11:50-12:50-1:10-1:15-3:15-4:15-4:40-6:40-7:40-8:05-8:30-11:05-11:30-11:40
The Furious (R) Fri. 10:20-1:55-4:45-7:35-10:25; Sat. 11:05-1:45-4:35-7:25-10:15
Power Ballad (R) Fri. 9:00-1:20; Sat. 9:25-1:55
Mortal Kombat II (R) Fri.-Sat. 8:15-11:15
Pressure (PG-13) Fri. 9:20-10:55-1:35-4:20; Sat. 10:55-1:35-4:20
The Sheep Detectives (PG) Fri.-Sat. 9:00-12:00-2:45-5:30
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00-12:55-3:50-6:45-9:50
The Breadwinner (PG) Fri. 11:05-1:45; Sat. 11:00-1:45
The Ghosts of Christmas Past Fri.-Sat. 7:05
Backrooms (R) Fri. 10:25-1:15-1:45-4:05-4:35-6:55-7:30-9:55; Sat. 10:20-11:25-1:10-4:05-6:55-9:55
Obsession (R) Fri. 10:40-11:35-1:25-2:20-4:10-5:05-7:00-7:50-9:45-10:35; Sat. 9:55-10:30-12:45-1:15-4:30-6:25-7:30-9:10-11:35-11:55
Stop! That! Train! (R) Fri. 9:10-11:40-2:10-4:40-7:10-9:40; Sat. 9:10-11:40-2:10-4:40-7:10-9:40-12:10
The Amazing Digital Circus: The Last Act (NR) Fri. 9:00-1:30-3:40-5:50-8:00; Sat. 9:15-12:40-2:20-6:20-8:35
Main Vaapas Aaunga (NR) Fri.-Sat. 4:25-8:00-11:35
Us in the End Fri.-Sat. 4:00-6:30-9:00-11:55
Ponyo - Studio Ghibli Fest 2026 (G) Sat. 4:00
Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) Fri. 10:10-1:30-4:50-8:10; Sat. 4:50-8:10-11:45
Sing Geetham (NR) Fri. 10:10; Sat. 10:55
Bts World Tour 'Arirang' In Busan: Live Viewing Sat. 4:00-7:45
Scary Movie (R) Fri. 9:05-9:25-11:10-11:40-12:00-2:15-2:35-4:50-5:10-7:25-7:45-10:00-10:20-12:00; Sat. 9:05-9:25-11:40-12:00-2:15-2:35-4:50-5:10-7:25-7:50-10:00-10:25-10:50

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629 Center Point Way

Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:00-2:25-6:00-9:35
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:30-2:50-6:15-9:45
Michael (PG-13) Fri. 1:15-3:20-6:40-10:00; Sat. 11:30-2:50-6:10-8:15
Scary Movie (R) Fri. 1:40-4:35-7:30-10:40; Sat. 11:25-2:15-5:05-8:00-10:50
Disclosure Day (PG-13) Fri. 11:00-2:40-4:35-6:20-8:15-10:00; Sat. 11:00-2:40-6:20-9:30-10:00
The Sheep Detectives (PG) Fri.-Sat. 12:30-3:30
Backrooms (R) Fri.-Sat. 1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00
Obsession (R) Fri. 12:20-1:45-4:45-7:45-10:20; Sat. 12:30-1:30-3:30-6:30-9:30

Greenbelt Cinema
129 Centerway

Back to the Future (PG) Sat. 2:00
Disclosure Day (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 5:00-8:15
Backrooms (R) Fri. 5:20; Sat. 8:30
Obsession (R) Fri. 8:30; Sat. 5:20

IPIC Pike & Rose
11830 Grand Park Avenue

Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) Fri. 2:30-6:00-9:30; Sat. 11:15-2:30-6:00-9:30
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (PG-13) Fri. 2:15; Sat. 11:00AM
Michael (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 3:45-7:15-10:45
Scary Movie (R) Fri. 4:30-7:30-10:30; Sat. 1:00-4:30-7:30-10:30
Disclosure Day (PG-13) Fri. 2:45-3:15-5:45-6:30-7:00-9:15-9:45-10:15; Sat. 11:00-11:45-12:45-2:15-2:45-3:15-5:45-6:30-7:00-9:15-9:45-10:15
Backrooms (R) Fri. 4:45-7:45-11:00; Sat. 11:30-4:45-7:45-11:00
Obsession (R) Fri. 3:15-6:15-10:45; Sat. 11:55-3:15-6:15-10:45

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema
7235 Woodmont Avenue

The Rocky Horror Picture Show (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30
Hedwig and the Angry Inch (R) Sat. 1:00
Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) Fri. 3:40-7:05-10:10; Sat. 12:15-3:40-7:05-10:10
Michael (PG-13) Fri. 9:50
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:30-4:30-7:10
Disclosure Day (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 6:15-9:30
Backrooms (R) Fri.-Sat. 1:45-4:35-7:45-10:15
Pressure (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:15-4:45-7:25
The Sheep Detectives (PG) Fri.-Sat. 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:40
Tuner (R) Fri.-Sat. 3:15
In The Hand Of Dante (R) Fri. 3:30-7:00; Sat. 12:00-3:30-7:00
Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) OC: Fri. 12:15
Michael (PG-13) OC: Sat. 9:50
Disclosure Day (PG-13) Fri. 4:00-7:30; Sat. 12:30-4:00-7:30
Power Ballad (R) Fri. 10:20
In The Hand Of Dante (R) OC: Fri. 12:00
Disclosure Day (PG-13) OC: Fri. 12:30
Tuner (R) OC: Fri. 12:20
Power Ballad (R) OC: Sat. 10:20

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2474 Solomons Island Road Unit H-1

Hedwig and the Angry Inch (R) Sat. 1:15
Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:50-4:00-7:00-9:55
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:30-3:30-6:45-9:35
Scary Movie (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:20-3:00-5:15-7:40-10:05
Disclosure Day (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:00-1:00-3:10-4:10-6:15-7:15-9:30
Power Ballad (R) Fri. 1:15; Sat. 3:40-6:30
Pressure (PG-13) Fri. 12:15-2:40-7:35; Sat. 12:15-2:40-5:10-7:35
Backrooms (R) Fri. 2:35-5:00-7:25-9:50; Sat. 12:10-2:35-5:00-7:25-9:50
Obsession (R) Fri. 12:05-2:30-4:55-6:30-7:30-9:00-10:00; Sat. 12:05-2:30-4:55-7:30-9:00-10:00
Power Ballad (R) OC: Fri. 3:40
Pressure (PG-13) OC: Fri. 5:10
Backrooms (R) OC: Fri. 12:10

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3899 Branch Avenue

Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) Fri. 2:00-4:45-7:30-10:15; Sat. 10:30-1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30
Michael (PG-13) Fri. 1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00; Sat. 10:05-1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00
Scary Movie (R) Fri. 12:00-1:30-2:30-4:00-5:00-6:30-7:30-9:00-10:00; Sat. 11:00-12:00-1:30-2:30-4:00-5:00-6:30-7:30-9:00-10:00
Disclosure Day (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:00-3:30-7:00-10:15
Mortal Kombat II (R) Fri. 12:05-3:00-5:30-8:00-10:30; Sat. 12:05-3:00-5:35-8:00-10:30

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900 Ellsworth Drive

Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 8:50-11:55-3:00-6:20-9:35
Scary Movie (R) OC: Sat. 12:05
Disclosure Day (PG-13) OC: Fri. 9:45AM
The Furious (R) Fri. 10:55-1:55; Fri. 8:35AM; Sat. 8:35-10:55-1:55-5:50
Power Ballad (R) OC: Fri. 3:05
The Breadwinner (PG) OC: Sat. 9:45AM
Peddi (NR) Fri. 9:30-1:20-5:10-9:10; Sat. 9:30-1:20-9:10
Backrooms (R) OC: Sat. 11:40AM
Stop! That! Train! (R) OC: Fri. 12:00
The Lost Boys (1987) (R) Sat. 9:00
Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 9:20-12:40-3:55-7:20-10:45
Michael (PG-13) Fri. 9:10-12:20-3:25-6:40-10:00; Sat. 9:10-12:20-2:45-6:40-10:00
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MOVIE DIRECTORY

The Furious (R) Fri. 10:15-4:20-7:10-10:10-10:50; Sat. 10:00-4:00-10:50

Regal Waugh Chapel
1419 South Main Chapel Way

Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (PG-13) OC: Fri. 11:20AM
The Furious (R) OC: Fri. 1:30
The Lost Boys (1987) (R) Sat. 9:00
Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) Fri. 9:20-12:30-3:40-6:50-10:25; Sat. 9:20-12:30-3:40-6:50
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (PG-13) Fri. 9:40-2:40-6:10-9:20; Sat. 9:40-11:20-2:40-6:10-9:20
Michael (PG-13) Fri. 9:05-12:10-3:20-6:30-9:50; Sat. 9:30-12:40-3:20-6:30-9:50
Scary Movie (R) Fri. 9:10-11:40-12:50-2:20-3:50-5:00-6:20-7:50-9:10-10:40; Sat. 9:10-11:40-12:50-2:20-5:00-6:20-7:50-10:40
Disclosure Day (PG-13) Fri. 11:40-3:00-4:40-6:30-8:00; Sat. 11:10-2:30-4:40-6:00-8:00-9:30
The Furious (R) Fri.-Sat. 4:30-7:30-10:20
Power Ballad (R) Fri. 9:10AM
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (PG-13) Fri. 9:05-12:00; Sat. 10:00-1:10
Backrooms (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:40-1:40-4:50-7:40-10:50
Obsession (R) Fri. 10:30-1:20-2:50-4:20-5:50-7:20-8:50-10:10; Sat. 10:30-1:20-2:00-4:20-7:20-10:10
Disclosure Day: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 9:00-12:15-3:30-7:00-10:30
The Amazing Digital Circus: The Last Act (NR) Fri. 9:15-11:50-2:10; Sat. 9:15-11:50
Ponyo - Studio Ghibli Fest 2026 (G) Sat. 4:00
Bts World Tour 'Arirang' In Busan: Live Viewing Sat. 4:00-7:45
Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) OC: Sat. 10:25
Disclosure Day (PG-13) OC: Fri. 10:00
The Furious (R) Fri. 10:20AM; Sat. 10:20-1:30
Power Ballad (R) OC: Sat. 9:10AM

Regal Westview
5243 Buckeystown Pike

Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) OC: Fri. 11:10AM
Scary Movie (R) OC: Fri. 10:10AM
Disclosure Day (PG-13) OC: Fri. 9:00AM
Power Ballad (R) OC: Sat. 9:45AM
The Breadwinner (PG) OC: Sat. 9:15AM
Obsession (R) Fri.-Sat. 9:10-11:50-2:30-8:20-11:00
The Amazing Digital Circus: The Last Act (NR) Fri. 9:05-2:15-4:10; Sat. 9:00-2:00
The Lost Boys (1987) (R) Sat. 9:00
Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 9:40-1:00-7:00
Michael (PG-13) Fri. 9:05-1:45-6:40-9:45; Sat. 9:20-12:30-9:45
Scary Movie (R) Fri.-Sat. 4:20-10:10
Disclosure Day (PG-13) Fri. 11:00-11:40-12:15-3:00-3:30-6:10-6:45-8:30-9:30-10:00; Sat. 10:00-10:50-11:40-1:15-3:00-4:30-6:10-7:45-8:30-9:30
Power Ballad (R) Fri. 9:00-11:25
Pressure (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 2:25-6:00
The Breadwinner (PG) Fri. 9:15AM
Peddi (NR) Fri.-Sat. 9:50-5:30-9:40
Backrooms (R) Fri. 10:45-1:35-4:15-7:10-10:55; Sat. 10:45-1:35-4:15-7:10-10:35
Obsession (R) Fri. 10:15-1:10-3:45-6:30-9:10; Sat. 10:15-1:10-3:45-6:25
Stop! That! Train! (R) Fri. 9:00-11:20-1:40-4:00-6:20-8:40-11:00; Sat. 9:00-11:20-1:40-4:05-6:20-8:40-11:00
Disclosure Day: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) Fri. 10:00-1:15-4:30; Sat. 9:00-12:15-3:30-6:45-10:00
Ponyo - Studio Ghibli Fest 2026 (G) Sat. 3:50
Bts World Tour 'Arirang' In Busan: Live Viewing Sat. 4:00-7:45
Disclosure Day: IMAX Live Pre-Show Q&A with Steven Spielberg and Emily Blunt (PG-13) Fri. 8:00
Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) Fri. 12:10-3:25-4:40-7:45-9:50; Sat. 11:10-12:20-3:25-6:40-9:50
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:25-1:25-4:25-7:30-10:45
Scary Movie (R) Fri. 12:40-3:15-5:45-8:10-10:40; Sat. 10:10-12:40-3:15-5:45-8:10-10:40
Disclosure Day (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 9:30-12:45-2:10-4:00-5:10-7:15-10:30
The Furious (R) Fri. 5:00-7:50-10:35; Sat. 5:00-7:50

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Disclosure Day (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:20-3:30-6:40-9:50

VIRGINIA

AMC Courthouse Plaza 8
2150 Clarendon Boulevard

Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) CC: Fri.-Sat. 12:45-4:00-6:00-10:00
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (PG-13) CC: Fri. 12:35-10:10; Sat. 7:00
Michael (PG-13) CC: Fri. 3:30-7:20; Sat. 4:25-7:30
Scary Movie (R) CC: Fri. 11:50-2:30-5:10-7:45-9:30; Sat. 11:00-1:30-4:10-7:45-9:30
Disclosure Day (PG-13) CC: Fri.-Sat. 11:30-3:00-6:30-10:00
The Sheep Detectives (PG) CC: Fri. 11:40AM; Sat. 11:00AM
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (PG-13) CC: Fri.-Sat. 4:05
Backrooms (R) CC: Fri. 12:30-3:15-7:15-9:15; Sat. 12:30-1:45-3:15-7:15-9:15
Obsession (R) CC: Fri. 1:15-4:00-6:45-10:20; Sat. 11:30-2:15-5:00-6:45-10:20
Stop! That! Train! (R) CC: Fri.-Sat. 12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30-10:00
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu 3D (PG-13) CC: Fri. 7:00; Sat. 12:35-10:10
The Amazing Digital Circus: The Last Act (NR) CC: Fri.-Sat. 10:30

AMC Hoffman Center 22
206 Hoffman Street

Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) CC: Fri. 10:00-1:20-4:45-8:00; Fri. 9:20; Sat. 9:50-1:20-4:45-8:00; Sat. 9:40
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (PG-13) CC: Fri. 10:10-1:15-4:30-7:40-10:50; Sat. 9:40-12:50-4:10-7:20-10:30
Project Hail Mary (PG-13) CC: Fri. 12:40; Sat. 9:15AM
Scary Movie (R) CC: Fri. 11:15-12:20-1:50-3:00-4:40-5:40-7:20-8:20-10:00; Sat. 12:50-3:40-6:20-9:00; Sat. 11:00-1:50-4:40-7:20-10:00
Disclosure Day (PG-13) CC: Fri. 4:20-7:45; Fri.-Sat. 10:00-1:30-5:00-8:30; Sat. 9:40-1:00-4:20-7:45
The Sheep Detectives (PG) CC: Fri. 10:50-1:50; Sat. 8:15-10:20-1:10
Jinsei (NR) Fri. 10:10AM
Backrooms (R) CC: Fri. 11:40-1:30-2:20-5:10-7:50-10:40; Sat. 11:10-2:00-4:50-7:40-9:40-10:20
Bts World Tour 'Arirang' In Busan: Live Viewing Sat. 4:00-7:45
Canada vs. Bosnia y Herzegovina - Telemundo presenta la Copa Mundial de la FIFA 2026 (NR) Fri. 3:00
Estados Unidos vs. Paraguay - Telemundo presenta la Copa Mundial de la FIFA 2026 (NR) Fri. 9:00
Brasil vs. Marruecos - Telemundo presenta la Copa Mundial de la FIFA 2026 (NR) Sat. 6:00
Amores perros (R) Sat. 2:00
Call Me by Your Name (R) Fri. 10:15-12:50-4:00-7:10-10:20; Sat. 9:30-12:45-4:00-7:10
Ponyo - Studio Ghibli Fest 2026 (G) Sat. 3:50
Bts World Tour 'Arirang' In Busan: Live Viewing Sat. 4:00-7:45
Disclosure Day: IMAX Live Pre-Show Q&A with Steven Spielberg and Emily Blunt (PG-13) Fri. 8:00
Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) Fri. 12:10-3:25-4:40-7:45-9:50; Sat. 11:10-12:20-3:25-6:40-9:50
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:25-1:25-4:25-7:30-10:45
Scary Movie (R) Fri. 12:40-3:15-5:45-8:10-10:40; Sat. 10:10-12:40-3:15-5:45-8:10-10:40
Disclosure Day (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 9:30-12:45-2:10-4:00-5:10-7:15-10:30
The Furious (R) Fri. 5:00-7:50-10:35; Sat. 5:00-7:50

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Disclosure Day (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:20-3:30-6:40-9:50

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Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) CC: Fri.-Sat. 12:45-4:00-6:00-10:00
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (PG-13) CC: Fri. 12:35-10:10; Sat. 7:00
Michael (PG-13) CC: Fri. 3:30-7:20; Sat. 4:25-7:30
Scary Movie (R) CC: Fri. 11:50-2:30-5:10-7:45-9:30; Sat. 11:00-1:30-4:10-7:45-9:30
Disclosure Day (PG-13) CC: Fri.-Sat. 11:30-3:00-6:30-10:00
The Sheep Detectives (PG) CC: Fri. 11:40AM; Sat. 11:00AM
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (PG-13) CC: Fri.-Sat. 4:05
Backrooms (R) CC: Fri. 12:30-3:15-7:15-9:15; Sat. 12:30-1:45-3:15-7:15-9:15
Obsession (R) CC: Fri. 1:15-4:00-6:45-10:20; Sat. 11:30-2:15-5:00-6:45-10:20
Stop! That! Train! (R) CC: Fri.-Sat. 12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30-10:00
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu 3D (PG-13) CC: Fri. 7:00; Sat. 12:35-10:10
The Amazing Digital Circus: The Last Act (NR) CC: Fri.-Sat. 10:30

AMC Hoffman Center 22
206 Hoffman Street

Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) CC: Fri. 10:00-1:20-4:45-8:00; Fri. 9:20; Sat. 9:50-1:20-4:45-8:00; Sat. 9:40
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (PG-13) CC: Fri. 10:10-1:15-4:30-7:40-10:50; Sat. 9:40-12:50-4:10-7:20-10:30
Project Hail Mary (PG-13) CC: Fri. 12:40; Sat. 9:15AM
Scary Movie (R) CC: Fri. 11:15-12:20-1:50-3:00-4:40-5:40-7:20-8:20-10:00; Sat. 12:50-3:40-6:20-9:00; Sat. 11:00-1:50-4:40-7:20-10:00
Disclosure Day (PG-13) CC: Fri. 4:20-7:45; Fri.-Sat. 10:00-1:30-5:00-8:30; Sat. 9:40-1:00-4:20-7:45
The Sheep Detectives (PG) CC: Fri. 10:50-1:50; Sat. 8:15-10:20-1:10
Jinsei (NR) Fri. 10:10AM
Backrooms (R) CC: Fri. 11:40-1:30-2:20-5:10-7:50-10:40; Sat. 11:10-2:00-4:50-7:40-9:40-10:20
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Estados Unidos vs. Paraguay - Telemundo presenta la Copa Mundial de la FIFA 2026 (NR) Fri. 9:00
Brasil vs. Marruecos - Telemundo presenta la Copa Mundial de la FIFA 2026 (NR) Sat. 6:00
Amores perros (R) Sat. 2:00
Call Me by Your Name (R) Fri. 10:15-12:50-4:00-7:10-10:20; Sat. 9:30-12:45-4:00-7:10
Michael (PG-13) CC: Fri. 10:30-12:20-3:30-6:40-9:50; Sat. 9:00-12:10-3:20-6:30-9:30
The Super Mario Galaxy Movie (PG) CC: Fri. 10:45-1:40-4:50; Sat. 8:30-8:50-10:40-1:15
Project Hail Mary (PG-13) CC: Fri. 1:40-5:20; Sat. 6:30-10:15
Disclosure Day (PG-13) CC: Fri. 11:45-3:15-6:45-10:15; Sat. 8:15-11:45-3:15-6:45-10:15
The Furious (R) CC: Fri. 4:40-7:40-10:30; Sat. 6:50-9:40
Power Ballad (R) CC: Fri. 4:15-7:00; Sat. 4:15-7:10
Pressure (PG-13) CC: Fri. 1:00-3:40; Sat. 11:10AM
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (PG-13) CC: Fri. 10:10-6:20-9:15; Sat. 11:00-5:30-8:45
Tuner (R) CC: Fri. 12:10; Sat. 12:30
Passenger (R) CC: Fri.-Sat. 11:00
The Breadwinner (PG) CC: Fri. 4:15; Sat. 1:50
Jinsei (NR) Fri. 6:50; Sat. 4:30
Obsession (R) CC: Fri. 10:20-1:10-4:10-7:20-9:40-10:15; Sat. 10:30-11:30-2:20-5:15-6:50-8:00-10:50
Carolina Caroline CC: Fri. 11:00-10:40; Sat. 3:40
Stop! That! Train! (R) CC: Fri. 11:10-1:40-4:10-6:40-9:10; Sat. 11:15-1:40-4:10-6:40-9:10
Disclosure Day: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) CC: Fri. 12:15-3:45-7:15-10:45; Sat. 8:45-12:15-3:45-7:15-10:45
The Amazing Digital Circus: The Last Act (NR) CC: Fri. 11:00-1:45-4:15-6:30-9:00; Sat. 8:30-8:45-9:45-11:10-1:45-3:20-4:15-6:45-9:20
Main Vaapas Aaunga (NR) Fri. 9:40; Sat. 9:45
Us in the End Fri. 6:50; Sat. 1:20
Ponyo - Studio Ghibli Fest 2026 (G) Sat. 10:45-4:00
Disclosure Day 70MM (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:00-2:30-6:00-9:30
Govemor Fri. 1:50-7:40; Sat. 10:10

AMC Potomac Mills 18
2700 Potomac Mills Circle

Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) CC: Fri. 1:05-3:10-6:30-9:55; Sat. 11:50-3:10-6:30-10:00
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (PG-13) CC: Fri. 12:40-4:00-7:15-10:30; Sat. 12:45-4:00-7:15-10:35
Michael (PG-13) CC: Fri.-Sat. 1:00-4:15-7:25-10:35
Scary Movie (R) CC: Fri. 11:55-2:35-5:15-7:55-10:40; Fri.-Sat. 1:20-4:05-6:45-9:30; Sat. 12:00-2:40-5:20-8:00-10:45
Disclosure Day (PG-13) OC: Fri. 2:50; Fri. 6:15-9:40; Fri. 1:50-5:25-8:50; Sat. 2:10; Sat. 10:45-5:35-9:00; Sat. 1:10-4:40-8:05
Backrooms (R) CC: Fri. 12:25-2:35-5:20-7:00-8:05-9:45-10:50; Sat. 10:55-12:50-1:40-3:45-7:00-8:55-9:55
Obsession (R) CC: Fri. 12:00-1:30-4:20-7:20-10:10; Sat. 11:00-1:50-4:45-7:35-10:25
Stop! That! Train! (R) OC: Fri. 12:15
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Brasil vs. Marruecos - Telemundo presenta la Copa Mundial de la FIFA 2026 (NR) Sat. 6:00
Call Me by Your Name (R) Fri.-Sat. 4:00
Disclosure Day (PG-13) CC: Fri. 12:45-4:10-7:35-11:00; Sat. 11:30-2:55-6:20-9:45
The Furious (R) CC: Fri.-Sat. 2:15-7:50
Power Ballad (R) CC: Fri. 9:35; Sat. 9:50
Mortal Kombat II (R) CC: Fri. 6:35; Sat. 9:35
Pressure (PG-13) CC: Fri. 5:10-10:45; Sat. 11:35-5:10-10:50
The Sheep Detectives (PG) CC: Fri. 12:10; Sat. 1:05
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (PG-13) CC: Fri. 5:50; Sat. 3:00
Tuner (R) CC: Fri. 8:10-11:00; Sat. 10:20
The Breadwinner (PG) CC: Fri. 3:05; Sat. 12:20
Jinsei (NR) Fri. 12:30-7:10; Sat. 1:25-7:10
Stop! That! Train! (R) CC: Fri. 2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15; Sat. 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15
Disclosure Day: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) CC: Fri. 12:00-3:30; Sat. 12:15-3:40-7:05-10:30
The Amazing Digital Circus: The Last Act (NR) CC: Fri. 1:25-4:25-9:50; Sat. 4:25-6:20
Main Vaapas Aaunga (NR) Fri. 12:25-4:15; Sat. 11:55-6:30
Ponyo - Studio Ghibli Fest 2026 (G) Sat. 4:00
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Disclosure Day: IMAX Live Pre-Show Q&A wi h Steven Spielberg and Emily Blunt (PG-13) Fri. 8:00

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2772 South Randolph St

Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) CC: Fri.-Sat. 12:30-4:00-7:30-9:30
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (PG-13) CC: Fri.-Sat. 3:00-6:15
Scary Movie (R) CC: Fri.-Sat. 10:15-1:00-3:45-6:30-9:15
Power Ballad (R) CC: Fri.-Sat. 12:45-6:15
Disclosure Day (PG-13) CC: Fri.-Sat. 10:00-1:30-5:00-8:30-9:00
Pressure (PG-13) CC: Fri.-Sat. 10:00-3:30
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (PG-13) CC: Fri.-Sat. 12:00
Backrooms (R) CC: Fri.-Sat. 10:30-1:20-4:15-7:10-10:00
Obsession (R) CC: Fri.-Sat. 10:45-1:40-4:30-7:20-10:15

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Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (PG-13) CC: Fri. 12:55-4:10-7:30-10:50; Sat. 12:55-4:10-7:25-10:40
Michael (PG-13) CC: Fri. 12:15-3:30-6:45-10:00; Sat. 12:15-3:25-6:45-9:55
Disclosure Day (PG-13) CC: Fri. 11:00-2:30-6:00-9:30; Sat. 11:00-2:30-5:55-9:20
Disclosure Day: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) CC: Fri. 12:30-4:00; Sat. 12:30-4:00-7:30-10:55
Disclosure Day: IMAX Live Pre-Show Q&A with Steven Spielberg and Emily Blunt (PG-13) Fri. 8:00
Scary Movie (R) CC: Fri. 11:15-2:15-5:00-7:45-10:30; Sat. 11:15-2:10-5:00-7:45-10:30
Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) CC: Fri.-Sat. 11:30-3:00-6:20-9:45
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (PG-13) CC: Sat. 10:05AM
Backrooms (R) CC: Fri.-Sat. 12:00-2:45-5:30-8:15-11:00
Disclosure Day (PG-13) CC: Fri. 11:45-3:15-7:00-10:40; Sat. 11:45-3:15-6:40-10:05
Obsession (R) CC: Fri. 10:45-1:35-4:25-7:15-10:15; Sat. 10:30-1:30-4:25-7:15-10:20

AMC Worldgate 9
13025 Worldgate Drive

Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) CC: Fri.-Sat. 3:45-7:00-10:15
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (PG-13) CC: Fri.-Sat. 3:40-7:10-9:40
Michael (PG-13) CC: Fri. 1:10-4:15-7:20-9:30; Sat. 12:30-4:15-7:20-9:50
Scary Movie (R) CC: Fri. 2:00-4:20-7:30-10:00; Sat. 1:10-4:20-7:30-10:15
Disclosure Day (PG-13) CC: Fri. 2:45-6:15-9:45; Sat. 1:20-2:45-6:15-9:45
Pressure (PG-13) CC: Fri. 1:00-3:50; Sat. 12:45-4:00
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (PG-13) CC: Fri. 6:30-10:30; Sat. 6:45-10:30
Backrooms (R) CC: Fri. 3:00-6:00-9:00; Sat. 1:15-3:00-6:00-9:00
Obsession (R) CC: Fri.-Sat. 1:30-4:45-7:15-10:20
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu 3D (PG-13) CC: Fri. 1:15; Sat. 1:00
The Amazing Digital Circus: The Last Act (NR) CC: Fri. 1:00-4:30-7:00-10:30; Sat. 4:30-7:00-10:30

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20575 Easthampton Plaza

Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) Fri. 10:15-12:45-1:45-4:20-8:00-9:40; Sat. 10:15-12:45-1:45-4:20-8:00-9:55
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (PG-13) Fri. 11:30-3:00-6:30-10:00; Sat. 12:30-2:50-6:30-10:00
Disclosure Day (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:50-3:25-7:00-10:35
The Furious (R) Fri.-Sat. 6:45-9:55
Power Ballad (R) Fri. 1:00-4:00; Sat. 4:00
Backrooms (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30-1:35-4:40-7:45-10:50
Obsession (R) Fri. 12:05-3:10-6:15-9:20; Sat. 11:35-3:05-6:00-9:05
The Amazing Digital Circus: The Last Act (NR) Sat. 12:15
Scary Movie (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:15-2:00-4:45-7:30-10:15
Disclosure Day (PG-13) Fri. 10:30-2:15-6:00; Sat. 10:45-2:30-6:15

Angelika Film Center Mosaic
2911 District Ave

Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) Fri. 10:30-1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30; Sat. 4:30; Sat. 10:30-1:30-7:30-10:35
Scary Movie (R) Fri.-Sat. 9:55-12:10-2:30-4:45-7:05-9:15-10:55
Disclosure Day (PG-13) OC: Fri. 5:00
The Furious (R) Fri.-Sat. 3:30-7:15
Power Ballad (R) Fri.-Sat. 9:55AM
Pressure (PG-13) Fri. 11:35-1:55-4:25-6:45-9:05; Sat. 11:35-2:00-4:25-6:45-9:05
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30-2:10-8:15
Backrooms (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15
Jinsei (NR) Fri.-Sat. 1:15-6:00
Us in the End Fri.-Sat. 11:45-4:50-9:45
Bts World Tour 'Arirang' In Busan: Live Viewing Sat. 4:00-7:45
Disclosure Day (PG-13) Fri. 10:00-11:00-1:00-2:00-4:00-7:00-8:00-10:00-11:00; Sat. 10:00-11:00-1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00

Cinema Arts Theatre
9650 Unit 14 Main St

Disclosure Day (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:05-1:05-4:05-7:10-9:55
Power Ballad (R) Fri.-Sat. 9:50-12:05-2:15-4:30-7:00-9:00
Pressure (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 9:55-12:15-2:35-4:50-7:15-9:20
Tuner (R) Fri.-Sat. 9:50-12:10-2:25-4:40-7:20-9:30
The Breadwinner (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00-12:20-2:40-5:05-7:40-9:35
Backrooms (R) Fri.-Sat. 9:40-12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30-9:45

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6201 Multiplex Drive

Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) Fri. 10:10-1:10-4:30-7:50-10:30; Sat. 9:30-10:15-12:55-4:20-7:40-10:00
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (PG-13) Fri. 10:40-12:50-4:00-7:10-11:10; Sat. 9:20-12:30-3:40-6:50-11:00
Michael (PG-13) Fri. 10:00-1:15-4:35-8:20-10:25; Sat. 9:15-12:20-3:25-6:30-9:35
Scary Movie (R) Fri. 10:00-10:35-12:30-1:30-3:00-4:45-5:35-7:20-8:10-9:50-10:45-11:30; Sat. 9:00-9:25-11:35-12:00-2:10-2:35-4:45-5:10-7:10-8:10-10:45-11:25
Disclosure Day (PG-13) Fri. 10:15-10:45-1:40-2:10-4:05-5:05-6:40-7:30-9:55-10:55; Sat. 9:10-9:35-12:35-1:00-3:35-4:25-7:00-7:50-10:05-10:25
The Sheep Detectives (PG) Fri. 10:15-1:05-3:55; Sat. 11:45AM
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (PG-13) Fri. 10:20-1:35; Sat. 9:55AM
Backrooms (R) Fri. 10:30-1:20-4:10-7:00-11:25; Sat. 9:05-11:50-2:40-5:30-8:20-11:10-11:30
Obsession (R) Fri. 10:05-10:50-1:00-1:55-3:45-5:30-7:40-8:30-10:20-11:15; Sat. 9:00-9:40-12:25-12:50-1:35-2:30-4:20-5:15-6:40-7:20-9:45-11:15
Main Vaapas Aaunga (NR) Fri. 4:25-8:00; Sat. 3:10-8:00
Bts World Tour 'Arirang' In Busan: Live Viewing Sat. 4:00-7:45
Peddi (NR) Fri. 6:30-10:05; Sat. 9:25

Cinemark Fairfax Corner and XD
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Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) Fri. 9:55-1:15-4:35-7:55-11:15; Sat. 9:05-12:25-3:45-7:05-10:25
Michael (PG-13) Fri. 10:10-1:15-4:20-7:25-10:30; Sat. 9:00-11:25-5:35-8:40-11:45
Disclosure Day (PG-13) Fri. 10:05-1:30-4:55-8:20-11:45; Sat. 9:45-1:10-8:00-11:25
The Sheep Detectives (PG) Fri. 10:40AM; Sat. 10:30AM
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (PG-13) Fri. 9:55-12:55-3:50; Sat. 10:05-1:00
The Breadwinner (PG) Fri. 9:50-12:30-3:10-5:50-8:30-11:10; Sat. 9:40-12:20-5:40-8:20-11:00
Peddi (NR) Fri. 6:45-10:50; Sat. 11:30
Obsession (R) Fri. 9:45-10:05-12:30-12:50-3:15-3:35-6:00-6:20-8:45-9:05-11:30-11:50; Sat. 9:10-9:50-11:55-12:35-5:25-8:10-10:55-11:30
Stop! That! Train! (R) Fri. 10:10-12:40-3:10-5:40-8:10-10:45; Sat. 8:50-11:20-1:50-4:20-6:50-9:20-11:50
The Amazing Digital Circus: The Last Act (NR) Fri. 1:25-4:00; Sat. 1:15
Main Vaapas Aaunga (NR) Fri. 6:35-10:20; Sat. 6:55-10:40
Ponyo - Studio Ghibli Fest 2026 (G) Sat. 4:00
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (PG-13) Fri. 10:00-1:10-4:20-7:30-10:40; Sat. 9:55-1:05-7:25-10:35
Bts World Tour 'Arirang' In Busan: Live Viewing Sat. 4:00-7:45
Michael (PG-13) OC: Sat. 2:30
Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) OC: Sat. 3:45
Backrooms (R) Fri. 9:45-12:35-3:25-6:15-9:05-11:55; Sat. 9:25-12:15-5:55-8:45-11:35
Scary Movie (R) XD: Fri.-Sat. 10:45-4:05-9:25
The Breadwinner (PG) OC: Sat. 3:00
Disclosure Day (PG-13) OC: Sat. 4:35
Obsession (R) OC: Sat. 2:40
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (PG-13) OC: Sat. 4:15
Scary Movie (R) Fri. 10:00-12:35-3:10-5:45-8:25-11:00; Sat. 8:50-12:05-5:15-7:50-10:25
Backrooms (R) OC: Sat. 3:05
Disclosure Day (PG-13) XD: Fri. 9:45-1:10-4:35-8:00-11:25; Sat. 9:00-12:25-3:50-7:15-10:40
Obsession (R) XD: Fri. 1:20-6:40; Sat. 1:20-6:40-12:00
Scary Movie (R) OC: Sat. 2:40

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18900 Jefferson Davis Highway

We, the Marines (NR) Fri. 10:00-11:00-4:00; Sat. 9:30-10:30-11:30-1:00-2:00-3:00-4:00

Paragon Founders Row
112 Founders Avenue

Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:35-2:50-6:00-9:10
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (PG-13) Fri. 11:25-2:35-5:50; Sat. 11:25-2:35-5:45-8:50
Backrooms (R) Fri. 11:05-1:40-4:15-6:50-9:25; Sat. 11:00-1:45-4:20-7:00-9:40
Obsession (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30-1:10-3:45-6:25-9:05
Telemundo presenta la Copa Mundial de la FIFA 2026 Fri. 9:00
Scary Movie (R) Fri. 11:15-2:00-4:35-7:10-9:45; Sat. 10:50-1:20-4:00-6:50-9:20
Disclosure Day (PG-13) Fri. 11:40-3:00-6:15-9:35; Sat. 3:00-6:15-9:30; Fri.-Sat. 10:15-1:30-4:45-8:00

Regal Ballston Quarter
671 North Glebe Road

Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) Fri. 10:50-2:10-5:30-8:40-10:10; Sat. 10:50-2:10-5:30-8:40
Scary Movie (R) Fri. 10:10-12:40-3:10-7:40-8:20-10:50; Sat. 10:10-12:40-5:50-7:40-8:20-10:50
Disclosure Day (PG-13) Fri. 11:20-12:20-2:50-3:50-6:20-7:10-9:50-10:30; Sat. 12:30-2:50-3:50-6:20-7:10-9:50-10:30
The Furious (R) Fri. 10:05-12:50-3:40-6:40-9:30
Power Ballad (R) Fri. 10:20-11:45-2:20; Sat. 11:45-2:20
Pressure (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:10-2:40-5:10
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (PG-13) Fri. 7:50; Sat. 7:50-10:45
The Breadwinner (PG) Fri.-Sat. 9:50AM
Backrooms (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:40-1:20-4:10-5:00-7:00-9:40-11:00
Obsession (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:00-1:40-3:30-4:30-6:10-7:20-8:50-10:00
The Amazing Digital Circus: The Last Act (NR) Fri.-Sat. 10:00-1:00
Ponyo - Studio Ghibli Fest 2026 (G) Sat. 4:00
Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) OC: Sat. 10:10
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30-1:50-4:50-8:00
Scary Movie (R) OC: Fri. 5:50; Sat. 3:10
Disclosure Day (PG-13) OC: Sat. 11:20AM
The Furious (R) Sat. 10:05-12:50-6:40-9:30
Power Ballad (R) OC: Sat. 10:20 AM
The Furious (R) OC: Fri. 10:45

Regal Dulles Town Center
21100 Dulles Town Circle

Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:50-4:00-7:10-10:30
Michael (PG-13) Fri. 10:50-1:50-5:00-8:00-11:00; Sat. 10:50-1:50-8:50
Scary Movie (R) Fri. 11:40-2:20-4:50-7:20-10:00; Sat. 11:10-1:30-4:50-7:20-10:00
Disclosure Day (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:00-12:20-2:10-3:40-5:20-7:00-8:30-10:20
The Furious (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:40-1:20-4:10-6:50-9:40
Power Ballad (R) Fri. 6:20-8:50; Sat. 6:20
The Sheep Detectives (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:30-1:00-3:30
The Breadwinner (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:35AM
Backrooms (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:20-2:00-4:40-7:30-10:10
Obsession (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:50-2:30-5:10-7:50-10:40
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Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:10-3:20-6:30-9:30

Regal Fairfax Towne Center
4110 West Ox Road

Masters Of The Universe (PG-13) Fri. 9:40-1:00-4:40-7:50-11:00; Sat. 9:50-12:10-3:30-6:50-10:10
Scary Movie (R) Fri. 9:50-12:30-3:10-4:30-5:50-7:10-8:30-9:50-11:10; Sat. 11:10-1:50-4:30-7:10-9:50
Disclosure Day (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 9:30-11:00-12:50-2:20-4:10-5:40-7:30-9:10-10:50
The Furious (R) Fri. 10:20-1:30-4:20-7:20-10:20; Sat. 11:20-2:30-5:20-8:10-11:00
Power Ballad (R) Fri

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